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## Syria again pledges backing for Lebanon

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Middle East Reporter  
and agencies

Syria yesterday renewed its opposition to Israel's terms for a withdrawal from South Lebanon, saying it supports Lebanese demands for "unconditional liberation."

The official Syrian news agency Sana said President Hafez Assad assured Lebanese President Amin Gemayel at talks in Damascus that "Syria stands strongly by Lebanon in its pursuit of the unconditional liberation of Lebanon from Israeli occupation and against any concession infringing on Lebanese sovereignty."

It was the third such meeting between Gemayel and Assad since

Syria's allies in Lebanon defeated Gemayel's troops last February.

Hanging over the meeting was Israel's threat to break off the Nakoura talks and to take unilateral action if Lebanon continues to reject its demand that UN troops be deployed throughout the area it is to evacuate. Lebanon wants the UN no farther north than the Litani River.

Syria has all along backed Lebanon's stand that Unifil troops be deployed exclusively between the Litani and the international border.

But both Gemayel and Assad are concerned about the threat of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal if the talks are not resumed after the two-week Christmas recess. Such a pull-back is likely to destabilize still further Lebanon's political balance.

## Rabin: Decision on Lebanon 'imminent'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A decision on Israel's next move in Lebanon is imminent, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told representatives of "Parents against Silence" and of "Reserve Soldiers against Silence." The representatives demanded an immediate withdrawal.

The defence minister declined to say what should be done if no agreement is reached. Several days ago, he stated that even in closed meetings he had not expressed his

thoughts on what Israel ought to do.

Temima Shahar of Jerusalem, of the parents' group, later told *The Post* they had told Rabin a prolonged Israeli presence increases the risk of the Shi'ites becoming Israel's "permanent enemy." The army is being "eroded," and there has been a decline in readiness to "sacrifice," she said. Staying in Lebanon does not protect Israel, they told Rabin. "We asked him to take a unique step and protect Israel from inside our boundaries," she added.

## Spadolini praises ties between Israel-Italy security services

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Italy's Defence Minister Giovanni Spadolini yesterday praised the ties between his country's security services and Israel's. He also asked for joint research projects and offered to increase the size of Italy's contingent in Unifil.

But he reportedly cautioned against a hurried unilateral IDF pull-back in Lebanon which could endanger the lives of those in the evacuated area.

Addressing a press conference here after his meeting with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Spadolini recalled that Italy had requested international cooperation to fight terrorism.

In an obvious allusion to the Italian Red Brigades, he said that for the past 10 years his country has suffered from domestic terror perhaps more than any other country. It has requested international cooperation to combat terrorism,

but had not received satisfactory answers from all countries.

He then said that relations between the Italian and Israeli services have always been good and continue to be so.

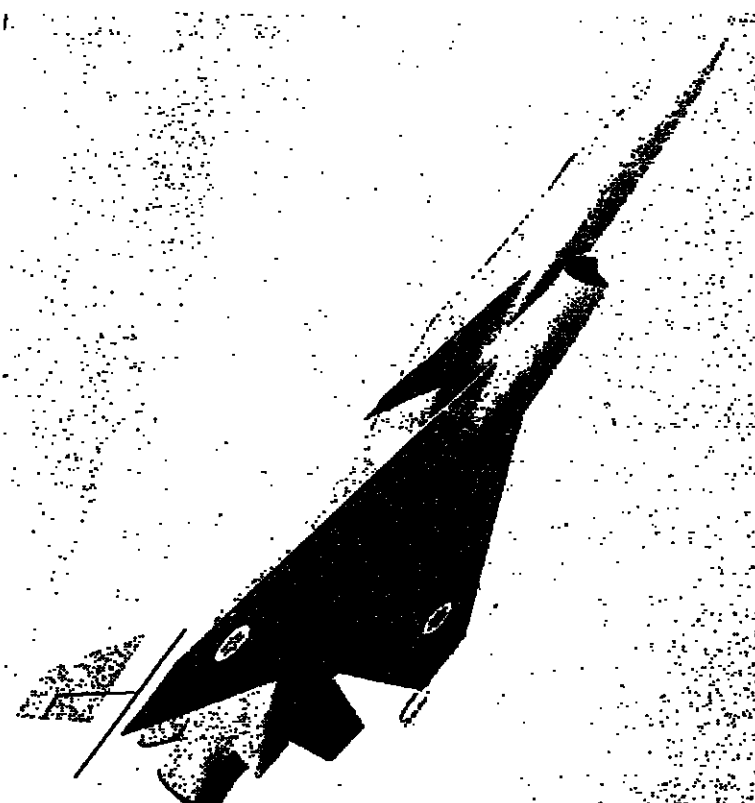
He also made it clear that Italy has purchased Israeli arms, but did not specify them.

He told reporters he had discussed some matters of defence-related research.

Most of the meeting with Rabin and the briefings with the Military Intelligence and Planning Branch in the General Staff were devoted to Lebanon.

Rabin told him that unless Lebanon accepts Israel's demand that Unifil be deployed in the northern sector of the occupied area, Israel will have to take a hard look at the military talks at Nakoura. Israel is expecting the Lebanese reaction on January 7, when the delegations meet again.

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The first photo of a model of the Lavi was released yesterday by Israel Aircraft Industries. Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman, who as defence minister in 1980 approved the decision to develop and produce the Lavi, was the IAI's guest yesterday, and heard about the plane's development. (IAI)

## Greens at Yad Vashem during flap over 'refusal'

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
and DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The delegation of the West German Greens Party yesterday paid an unobtrusive three-hour visit to Yad Vashem. Only a few hours earlier, a senior Foreign Ministry official said that the delegation's members had told him that they had no intention of visiting the memorial to the Holocaust victims.

The delegation was escorted round Yad Vashem by the institution's director of information,

Binyamin Armon. According to Reuters, Armon said, "They said they had only an hour and a quarter to spare, but they spent three hours touring the museum. In the guest book they wrote in German, 'Never again fascism, never again war.'"

One of their hosts, MK Mattityahu Peled, of the Progressive List for Peace, has requested an urgent plenum debate over what he termed "the crude lies that the Foreign Ministry disseminated about the Greens delegation."

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## 3 IDF soldiers wounded by explosive in Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Three Israeli soldiers were wounded yesterday, two of them moderately and one lightly, when a 20-kilogram roadside explosive went off six kilometres southwest of Ansar, in the central sector of South Lebanon. The soldiers' unit was patrolling in the region on foot, at a spot where another charge went

off on Wednesday, hurting no one. Troops closed off the region and conducted searches.

In the eastern sector, two South Lebanese Army soldiers were killed yesterday morning and four were injured when an armoured personnel carrier they were travelling in overturned near Kafraya village. One of the injured soldiers is in

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## Monks battle with sticks in the Church of the Nativity

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BETHLEHEM. — Monks beat each other with sticks and chairs in the Church of the Nativity here yesterday as Greek Orthodox and Armenian clergy fought over their rights to part of the building.

The brawl broke out in the morning during the ceremonial cleaning of the basilica performed each year at the Christmas season. Because the cleaning of any section of the church

carries with it an expression of right over that particular area, the various sects zealously guard their rights to clean each metre of the sacred edifice.

Last year a minor scuffle broke out over the rights to one section of the wall over the Grotto of the Nativity. This year, an observer told *The Jerusalem Post*, the Greek Orthodox archimandrite suffered a cut over his eye, which was treated on the spot.

A spokesman for the Armenian Patriarchate told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Greek Orthodox had insti-

gated the fight by encroaching on numerous spots traditionally held by the Armenians. When asked how it was that only a Greek clergyman had been injured, he said, "We defended ourselves very well."

A spokesman for the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate told *The Post* that there had been "minor problems" with the Armenians over the status quo regarding jurisdiction over the holy places, but that now everything was all right.

## The teller is becoming obsolete

Banking is a normally conservative industry which doesn't like having to change its ways in a hurry. Nevertheless, the past decade has been one of the most sweeping periods of change that the staid world of banking has ever been put through — and, in many respects, it is only the beginning.

The information revolution, led by the data-processing and communications industries, is changing every facet of banking, along with all the financial service industries. In terms of world-wide trends, it means that information — the raw material of decision-making — is instantaneously available anywhere, and that all markets are inter-linked and react on each other all the time.

Competition for capital is an inter-

### Israeli banking at the crossroads

(VII)

By PINHAS LANDAU



national, not a national affair, because funds can go anywhere in search of the highest returns. Individual institutions and national financial systems which cannot or will not play according to the new rules are in danger of being left behind, making them and their eco-

nomies the poorer for it.

This national aspect of the computer age will be examined separately. Of immediate concern is the more mundane question of how Israeli banks are gearing up to meet challenges that technology presents, and how we — the consumers of banking

services — are going to be directly affected.

The Israeli bank client has shown a fairly high propensity to put to good use any and every technological advance offered him. For their part, the banks have tended to advance as rapidly as possible in the direction of greater automation for two reasons. First is that the demand for more and better financial services had been consistently fanned by inflation, which forced the public to devote more and more resources to managing its money. Second is the banks' belief that automation would save them money by cutting their wage bill.

However, the banks' critics are quick to point out, the ridiculous degree of competition that crept in to all their activities, and their unwillingness to charge realistic prices for the services they gave, have made this projected saving come to naught. Faced with more and better services being offered for next-to-nothing, consumers simply increased their demand. The more they did so, the more the banks rushed to increase the supply — and the more the demand grew, since inflation spiralled remorselessly higher, and so on.

For the banks, it became a no-win situation. The new technologies did not come cheaply, even if they did represent taxable expenses or were depreciable and were also inflation-proof assets. Only when the banks finally saw the light and began charging for some "gifts" did their consumers begin to rationalize their behaviour.

There are many world experts on

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## Peres, Moda'i agree tax changes needed

Jerusalem Post Staff  
and Itim

Inflation can be halted and the balance of payments righted within a year if wages and prices are frozen and the economic package deal is extended for another year. Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

He added that subsidies would have to be cut, government spending curtailed and the taxation system reformed.

The cut in subsidies was also promoted by Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who said yesterday that subsidized goods would not be frozen in any second package deal.

Speaking in Tel Aviv to the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce, Moda'i also said taxes would have to be raised considerably, and the government would have to see to it that the capital market and the monetary system are geared to the needs of the economy.

Rumblings of discontent at these plans came from the Histadrut, with Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar saying that the labour federation would not accept a situation in which "the workers remained fettered while the government enjoyed a free hand."

Peres said the Histadrut would demand compensation for wage erosion in the manufacturing sector before it agreed to a continued wage freeze.

Other Histadrut officials insisted that the government cut its own budget and tax the self-employed more before making fresh demands of salaried workers.

Peres, who was speaking in Rishon LeZion to community workers, said the government had inherited an empty treasury. But he said he has sensed a lessening of public tension since the government took office.

The prime minister said that seven years ago there had been some 310,000 people employed in industry. That number has remained static and this points to the urgent need to bring about a change in the capital market. Peres said. Speculators cannot be allowed to make endless profits while productive workers fight for a bare living, he said.

But while Peres had praise for the success of the package deal, which he attributed to the public's cooperation, Moda'i said the package deal's success is no more than "an optical illusion." He blamed "a technical error" in freezing the price of sub-

dized goods for the package's failings.

Moda'i said that his recipe for stabilizing the economy is not dependent on dollarization.

Moda'i did agree that the package had succeeded psychologically, in that it had halted the public's panic buying. He also pointed to a drop in inflation and said that so far December's monetary injection totalled IS27 billion, compared to IS131.4b. in November and IS36b. in October.

Future budgets, Moda'i vowed, would have to be based only on the government's revenue and on the public's voluntary savings.

Moda'i said a law is needed that would give more real meaning to budgets. As the law stands, there is little the Treasury can do to stop government bodies from overspending.

The minister envisaged difficulties with wage policies in the public service, saying that he plans to tell these employees that if their salaries are raised there will have to be proportional staff cuts. Every third worker is a public servant, Moda'i said.

Moda'i also indicated that he favours making the Bank of Israel more independent.

While Moda'i was confident that a second package deal would be signed, the Manufacturers Association told *The Jerusalem Post* that nobody had contacted it on the subject.

"All we know is that plans for such a deal are being cooked up in some office and we are waiting to be consulted," a spokesman said.

## Free-trade team to U.S. in January

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Israel's free-trade zone agreement with the U.S. is to be presented to Congress by March 1, and is expected to be ratified by April 1 if no complications arise. An Israeli team is to go to the U.S. on January 7 to finish preparing the agreement.

Science and Development Minister Gideon Patt said yesterday that while the agreement gives Israel a great opportunity by opening the American market to Israeli products, the economy still lacks economic growth, development of advanced industries and technological trained workers.

Speaking at a Tel Aviv seminar sponsored by the College of Public Administration Patt pointed out that the U.S. has never before signed such a free-trade agreement. Some 99 per cent of the agreement's details have been approved by both Israel and the U.S., he said.

## Peres to visit Holland in second half of 1985

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Peres has received an invitation to visit Holland. Official sources said yesterday that he will probably make the trip in the second half of 1985.

The invitation was conveyed through diplomatic channels this week and the premier accepted it at once, but indicated that he is not

anxious to be away from the country in the near future because of the economic situation.

Vice Premier Shamir visited The Hague briefly in the summer of 1983 when he was prime minister.

The invitation to Peres, it is understood, comes after an initiative by the head of the Israel-Holland Friendship Association, former diplomat Gideon Rafael.

## Gun fired, bomb tossed at car near Hebron

HEBRON (Itim). — Shots were fired and a petrol bomb tossed at an Israeli car just after 9 p.m. yesterday in the Hebron hills. Several bullets hit the car and the bomb exploded next to it, but no one was injured.

The driver and passengers were on their way home to the settlement of Carmel, southeast of Hebron.

Security forces sealed the area and conducted a wide-scale search for the attackers.

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## THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	60	4-13	14
Golan	62	7-12	13
Nahariya	73	9-10	14
Safed	73	9-10	14
Haifa Port	53	12-17	17
Tiberias	57	8-18	18
Nazareth	49	8-16	17
Alula	50	4-18	18
Shomron	51	6-15	16
Tel Aviv	64	4-17	17
B-G Airport	63	6-17	18
Jericho	54	8-21	21
Gaza	62	8-18	18
BeerSheva	56	8-17	18
Elat	46	14-19	20

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Aura Herzog, wife of the president, was the guest of honour yesterday at a reception given by Ruth Zakaria at her residence in Herzliya. The guests included: Lea Rabin, Michal Modai, Ann Patt, Nelly Ya'acobi, Sally Lewis, Sarah Squire, Annette Dulzin, Esther Rubin and Raya Savidor.

Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi will speak at the luncheon meeting of the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, Zion Hotel, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 04-529818.

Technion President Prof. Yosef Singer will speak at the Haifa Engineers Club at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 538268.

George Zbar of Melbourne was yesterday awarded the S.J. Kreutner Prize of the United Israel Appeal - Keren Hayesod, in recognition of his achievements as a campaign professional. Dr. Avraham Avi-Hai, Keren Hayesod World Chairman, chaired the event at Beit Shalom, Jerusalem.

## Baby lives 10 days after birth to 'dead' mother

CORK, Ireland (AP). - A baby born to a clinically dead mother who was kept on a life-support machine for 28 days before the birth has died after 10 days, an Irish hospital said yesterday.

"It came as a great shock when the baby died because she appeared to be thriving," said a nurse in the neo-natal clinic at St. Finbarr's Hospital.

"The baby died Wednesday night, but we don't know the cause of death. The father has asked us to say nothing more."

A spokesman at the regional hospital said the 26-year-old mother was admitted to the hospital after a brain hemorrhage and was pronounced dead soon afterwards.

The father asked that all necessary measures should be taken to save the child, the spokesman said.

"Our main objective was to enable the baby to survive to the 28th week of pregnancy, knowing that after that, its survival prospects would increase considerably," the spokesman said.

With the father's consent, the spokesman said, the life-support machine was switched off after the birth which was spontaneous and without surgical intervention or chemical induction.

## 3 SOLDIERS

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moderate condition; the other three were lightly injured.

IDF sources said most attacks against the IDF in the region are perpetrated by members of Amal, the Shi'ite militia. The IDF has been active in the region's Shi'ite villages recently, arresting dozens of those suspected of 22 attacks in all against the IDF.

South Lebanese Army soldiers yesterday safely dismantled a roadside explosive in Sidon's main square.

## HOME NEWS

### Court to rule Sunday on government Ata plan

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The Haifa District Court yesterday deferred a ruling on lifting the December 31 order closing the Ata textile company.

Judge Eliezer Barr is to announce his ruling on Sunday after receiving the reaction of Ata's main creditors to the government's proposed plan to revive the firm.

He intends to visit the Kiryat Ata plant today to assess the factory's chances of getting back on its feet.

The judge had been expected to postpone the closure order, scheduled for December 31, at yesterday's hearing in view of the agreement between the government and the works committee.

Under the agreement, Ata is to receive \$9 million from the government to ensure the firm's continued operation for the next 12 months.

The court was told that Ata's main creditors - Bank Leumi, which is owed \$17m, bank Discount (\$2m) and the Cotton Marketing Board (\$1.6m) - have agreed in principle to the recovery programme.

The plan itself was signed yesterday morning after nearly 17 hours of bargaining between the government representatives, led by the acting Industry and Trade Minister, Moshe Nissim and members of Ata's works committee and Haifa Labour Council officials.

Under the proposal, Eliezer Peleg, the man nominated by the government to run Ata for the 12

months, is expected to investigate the firm's operations during the first month. The agreement gives Peleg, formally general manager of the Delta textile firm, a free hand to take whatever action, including the dismissal of employees, he considers necessary to ensure the firm's survival.

The court was told that as part of the agreement, government ministries have pledged to provide orders for Ata. The Defence Ministry already has a \$3m. order with the firm which will take effect when the company goes into full production. The Histadrut has also promised to place large orders with Ata.

The board of directors of Clal Industries yesterday reacted unfavourably to proposals to give an

"artificial and uneconomic" advantage to Ata products in sales to government ministries and public bodies. Such advantages, the board of directors' press statement declared, will give a body blow to the textile products of Kitan, a Clal subsidiary.

Peleg himself is to be paid only \$1 for his role, although he will receive a substantial financial gift if the recovery plan succeeds, the court was told.

The agreement was greeted with mixed feelings by employees at the Kiryat Ata plant yesterday.

Employees are concerned that Peleg, who intends to split Ata into autonomous units, will insist on a shorter working week.

### Egypt: Let MFO police Taba until a settlement is reached

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter and Reuter

Egypt has proposed to Israel the deployment of a peacekeeping force to police the disputed coastal strip of Taba pending a final settlement, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman in Cairo said yesterday.

He said Egypt wants the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), deployed along Israel-Egypt border since 1982, to extend its mandate to Taba.

In Jerusalem, officials here told *The Jerusalem Post* that the climate between the two countries has become warmer over the past few weeks, and said there were indications that Egypt is now anxious to solve some of the problems still outstanding between the two countries.

Meanwhile, Israel and Egypt are in contact to fix a meeting of the bilateral military liaison committee,

at which the MFO's possible role at Taba is expected to be one of the main issues.

U.S. officials are also likely to be invited to the meeting, for which a date and venue have not yet been determined. However, both Israel and Egypt envision meeting sometime in January or early February, probably in Beersheba.

The military liaison committee, which was established in April 1982 when the Israel Defence Forces evacuated Sinai, generally meets in Beersheba or Ismailiya.

The tentative agenda being mentioned in the present contacts between Jerusalem and Cairo includes an item entitled "Arrangements for Daily Life in Taba." This topic has not been discussed since a meeting in Ismailiya in the summer of 1983.

The meeting envisioned will not take up questions of principle, such as the sovereignty over Taba or its future.

### Mapam, CRM move towards unity at Tel Aviv meeting

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement took a first, significant, step towards unity last night during a crowded meeting at the Ohel Shem Hall here.

The meeting was entitled "Forum for the Renewal of the Labour Movement" and included representatives of several left-wing ideological groups, aside from Mapam and the CRM. Of the 12 speakers, only three expressed doubts about the wisdom of consolidating the Zionist-Socialist left.

Among those opposed to immediate unity was Mapam grand old man Ya'acov Hazan, who called for a "partnership" that recognizes the differences between the various constituent groups. But Hazan's stand was strongly opposed by the bulk of the other speakers, most of whom held the view that a rejuvenated socialist-humanist party could successfully compete for the Labour Party's electoral constituency.

Most impressive of the speakers was CRM leader MK Shulamit Aloni, who launched a blistering attack on the "pragmatists and opportunists" of the Labour Party. She called on all the participants to "forget past

myths," unite and organize. "If we don't do it this time it may possibly be too late next time," Aloni said.

Aloni was strongly supported by fellow CRM MK Yossi Sagid. Peace Now activist Tsali Reshef Mapam MK Yair Tzaban and author Yoram Kanuk. Among the other speakers were Prof. Ze'ev Sternhell, organizer of the meeting, and historian Yigal Eliam.

Despite the general tone of last night's meeting, the unity move is not assured of success in the party forums. Mapam sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the party bureau had recently rejected a unity motion, which was one of the contributory causes to MK Victor Shemtov's announcement earlier this week that he intended resigning as party secretary-general.

Sectors of the Peace Now movement are also said to be annoyed by Reshef's decision to identify himself closely with a party-in-the-making.

However, participants at last night's meeting considered it unlikely that Mapam would be able to withstand the pressure for consolidation, and predicted that a new party tentatively named the Social-Democratic Party (*Massad* in its Hebrew acronym) - would be established in the not-too-distant future.

### 'Anti-democracy' bill to cabinet soon

By RON JOURARD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bill barring parties such as Kach, which are deemed a threat to democracy, from running in Knesset elections is to be submitted to the cabinet within a month, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir said yesterday.

Zamir, who was speaking at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Law Faculty as a guest lecturer in a course on the freedom of speech,

said the bill is to amend the Basic Law: The Knesset.

The amendment states that a list of candidates will be ineligible to contest the Knesset elections if "one of its aims, explicit or implicit, negates the existence of the State of Israel, its security or democratic nature; if the list supports incitement to racism, or if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that it will serve as a front for unlawful activity."

### Peres slams USSR

Prime Minister Peres yesterday said Israel opposes not only the USSR's limiting of emigration and its citizens' freedom of movement, but also the limits it places on freedom of speech and culture.

Peres was speaking at the closing rally of the Month of Solidarity with Soviet Jews, held at the Jerusalem Theatre. (Iim)

### Man sent to jail for insulting policeman

NETANYA (Iim). - A man held in police detention was sent to jail for nine months recently for insulting a Beduin policeman.

The policeman, Sgt.-Maj. Hassan Said, told the Netanya Magistrates Court that Shimon Lankari, 18, called him a "dirty Arab" while on the way to the police lockup from the court which had extended Lankari's remand.

Saida told the court that Lankari's remarks had hurt him very much because the week before a relative of his had been killed while on army service in Lebanon, and because he and his sons serve in the IDF.

In addition to the nine months in prison, Lankari was given a two-month suspended sentence.

DRUNK. - A Ramle man, who was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, has had his licence revoked for three years and was fined 1550,000 in Tel Aviv traffic court yesterday.

### Kfar Shalem residents agree with city on 30-day 'cease-fire'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - No illegal construction of any kind will take place if Kfar Shalem and the city will not demolish any illegal structure for one month, according to an agreement signed yesterday between representatives of the municipality and residents.

The agreement was signed by municipality director-general Eli Eshet, residents' committee chairman Zecharya Tiram and Knesset Member Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement), who was called on by the residents to help.

The agreement is expected to calm the neighbourhood following the violent demonstrations against the city's demolition of two houses Tuesday morning.

If any new illegal building - or even a fence or wall - is put up in Kfar Shalem during the next month, the city will tear it down, the agreement says. Ongoing talks between

the city and the residents' representatives about all the problems troubling the quarter will begin immediately, with the aim of helping the quarter's residents as much as possible.

The city, for its part, will postpone demolitions of illegal structures in the quarter, if such exist. If the court issues demolition orders, the city will seek to postpone carrying them out until the moratorium ends.

A municipal store-room in Kfar Shalem was broken into and set on fire before dawn yesterday. Police suspect the arson was part of the disturbances over the demolitions.

Meanwhile, a Ramat Gan man suspected of inciting people to attack policemen in Kfar Shalem was released on 15150,000 bail by magistrates court here yesterday.

Shlomo Yakim, 39, is also suspected of calling the government "Ashke-Nazi" and the police Nazis. The police had asked that Yakim be remanded, arguing that he is likely to cause further disturbances.

### NRP committee to study changes in party structure

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Religious Party's executive committee yesterday decided on a reorganization of the party's structure and operation, including changing the faction election system to a personal one, in an effort to heal the party.

Many committee members expressed anger at the party leadership and its ineffectiveness in handling the negotiations over the division of the Interior and Religious Affairs Ministries between the NRP and Shas.

One committee member shouted at party strongman Rafael Ben-Natan who handled the negotiations, to quit.

Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg refused to sit on the podium with Ben-Natan and Party Secretary-General Zevulun Hammer, and sat in the hall with the rest of the committee members. When

Ben-Natan wanted to change the order of items on the agenda, Burg objected.

Burg and Ben-Natan have been openly at odds since Ben-Natan insisted on getting the Religious Affairs Ministry, while Burg wanted the Interior one. The two did not shake hands when they met at the meeting's opening.

The committee chose a sub-committee of 13 professors, rabbis and other public figures from its ranks to make recommendations, within three months, on new organization, operation, functioning of branches and changing the election system. Chaired by Mashab Director General Yitzhak Yeger, the committee includes professors Bar-Asher, Kadari and Adad, Rabbis Aharon Lichtenstein, Moshe Eisman and Ya'akov Levinger (of Bnei Akiva), Pnina Herzog, Tova Sanhedrai, Avraham Stern, Eliezer Avtavi, Moshe Agres and Yehuda Dominitz.

### Kach man deported after release from jail

A Kach activist from the U.S. serving a 30-month jail term was deported yesterday and told he may return only at the end of August 1985, when his sentence would have been completed.

Yisrael Fuchs, 21, was one of the settlers at the unauthorized Kach settlement El Nakam near Hebron which was dismantled by Israel Defence Forces in March 1983. He had been convicted of shooting at a passing car.

He was sentenced to 39 months in jail, but the Supreme Court later accepted his appeal and cut nine months from his prison term. Last

week the parole board cut a third off Fuchs's sentence on the condition that he leave the country and not return for another eight months.

In the spring of 1983 Fuchs fired two shots at a car driven by an Arab near Hebron. (Iim)

### Unrwa to trim staff

VIENNA (AP). - The UN Relief and Works Agency, expecting a \$40 million shortfall next year, announced yesterday it would trim 38 positions from the payroll and indefinitely defer pay increases for 12,000 employees.

### Rubinstein visits Lebanon, raps Sharon's view on pullout

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MARJAYOUN. - Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein yesterday attacked Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon for his statements against a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon.

Rubinstein spoke with reporters here after visiting IDF bases in South Lebanon.

"Sharon, who is responsible for the mistake and the hardships - political, economic and military - that Lebanon has come to mean, has in my opinion no right to voice an opinion on the matter," Rubinstein said. He referred to Sharon as "the person who misled a former prime minister (Menachem Begin) on Lebanon."

When asked how he could attack a fellow cabinet member, Rubinstein said: "I'm a partner in the government along with Herut, but I was no partner to Sharon's acts in the previous government."

Rubinstein said that if the Lebanese government does not agree to a UNifil deployment north of the Litani River, the Israeli government will have to decide to take the IDF out of the areas where it now is, after discussing security arrangements.

He said that in talking to IDF officers on his tour he did not hear a single voice justifying the IDF staying in its present positions, and had heard many suggestions on how the number of Israeli soldiers in Lebanon can be cut to the minimum.

### Haifa police arrest suspect in Hadass Kedmi murder case

HAIFA. - Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the murder of 20-year-old soldier Hadass Kedmi of Kfar Masaryk. It was learned yesterday.

The suspect was brought to court for a remand order, and at the request of the police the court forbade the publication of any details that might identify him.

But Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev told reporters yesterday evening that the investigation of the murder still has no clear direction or results, although there are developments all the time. He urged the press to refrain from publishing speculation on the case to save Kedmi's kibbutz and family unnecessary suffering.

Kedmi disappeared on November 29 after getting out of a car at the Derech Hapikun junction. She was apparently picked up by another car while hitchhiking home. Her body was discovered in a wooded area of Mt. Carmel 12 days later.

The deputy chief of the Haifa police, Deputy Commander Arye Goren, told the press that so far 800 people have been questioned in connection with the murder, including 45 possible suspects. The suspect now being held is apparently the first to have been brought to court by the police for remand. The police are continuing their total blackout of the investigation.

### Aridor: 'Dollarization will take place'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Herut secretariat chairman Yoram Aridor said yesterday evening that dollarization will be implemented, and it is important that Herut gets the credit for it. He was speaking at the meeting of Herut's executive committee.

If dollarization had been accepted before the elections, the Likud would now be in power, Aridor said. He said that the Americans had looked favourably on dollarization

when he presented it to them while finance minister. They were prepared to help with it, he claimed.

Vice Premier Shamir said that relations among the ministers of the national unity government, as expected, are not ideal. Daily there are behind-the-scenes confrontations between Labour and Likud ministers, he said.

Shamir noted, however, that after four months of the national unity government, it is becoming clearer that there was no alternative to it.

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It is clear Israel may decide on unilateral withdrawal, Rabin said that only a strong force can prevent a bloodbath. "We can't understand why Lebanon opposes UNifil deployment in the north," Rabin reportedly added, implying that UNifil may prevent the fighting.

Spadolini replied that he thinks the Syrians are behind the Lebanese stand. *The Post* was told.

But Spadolini advised Israel not to redeploy its forces hurriedly.

Spadolini favours a bigger role for UNifil. At the press conference he said his government would react with understanding to a UN request to increase its forces in UNifil.

At the meeting with Rabin, he cautioned Israel against using the South Lebanese Army. Spadolini reportedly "wondered" whether

there was any sense in using that army which Beirut strongly opposed. There should be one army in Lebanon, he added.

Rabin replied that Israel has suggested the eventual integration of the SLA into the Lebanese Army.

In reply to other questions, Spadolini favours better Israel-Jordan relations. He said he recognizes the importance of securing Israel's position in the area, but added there must be a recognition of the Palestinian community's right for self-determination in accordance with the Camp David agreements.

BAR MITZVA. - Forty Ashkelon youths from new immigrant and needy families celebrated their bar mitzva this week in a ceremony conducted under the auspices of Project Renewal.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of  
**Rabbi MICHAEL MUNK** ז"ל  
formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 27 - 3 Tvet.  
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Brother: Arthur  
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Channi and Yitzchok Mandelbaum  
Grandchildren and great-grandchildren

On Sunday, Tvet 6, 5745, December 30, 1984,  
the end of the shiva of the passing of our beloved  
**REUBEN MILUN** ז"ל  
there will be a graveside memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone.  
We shall meet at the old gate of the Darom Cemetery at 3.00 p.m.  
We wish to thank all those who expressed their condolences,  
in writing and orally.  
The Family

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of  
our dear father, grandfather and brother  
**JACOB GREIFMAN** ז"ל  
The funeral will take place today, Friday, December 28, 1984, Tvet 4, 5745 at  
the New Cemetery at Ramat Hasharon, Morasha Junction.  
For time of funeral, please call 052-441471 or 052-87225.  
Shiva at the home of the deceased, 6 Rehov Rav Ashi, Ramat Aviv.  
The Bereaved Family

A memorial service for  
**JACOB ZUCKERMAN** ז"ל  
will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, 6 Tvet (Dec. 30)  
at the Etz Hachayim Cemetery, Beit Shמש.  
Family and Friends

We mourn the passing of  
**ADELE BRODY**  
moving spirit of AACI Moadon Kaplan  
Her Many Friends

We are sorry to announce the death of our dear wife,  
mother and grandmother  
**MOLLY RUTENBERG**  
The funeral will take place today, Friday, December 28, 1984, at the  
New Ramat Hasharon Cemetery (Geha Road) leaving from her  
home, 26 Tarpad Street, Neve Rascio, at 11.00 a.m.  
Her Husband: Israel Rutenberg  
Her Children: Samuel Rutenberg, Gideon and  
Mary Rutenberg, Shoshana Benjamin  
and her grandchildren

In great sorrow we announce the death, on active duty,  
of our beloved  
**Segen Mishne EHUD SLUTZKIN** ז"ל  
age 19, on December 25, 1984, 1st Tvet 5745.  
His parents: Uri and Rifka - Hadara  
His brother: Yoav - Hadara  
His grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins  
in Israel and abroad.

With deep sorrow we announce the sudden death of our dear husband,  
father and grandfather  
**HANAN (Hans) MORITZ**  
son of Shlomo ז"ל  
The funeral will take place today, Friday, December 28, 1984, at 11.30 a.m.  
at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.  
A bus will leave from the home of the deceased:  
21 Rehov Maze, Tel Aviv, at 10.30 a.m.  
The bereaved:  
His wife: Ilse Moritz  
His son and daughter-in-law: Gad and Bruria Moritz  
His daughter and son-in-law: Miriam and Natan Seigmann  
The Ringwald Family  
His grandchildren and the entire family



## 'Time' gets order nisi on character witness

For the second time in a month, the High Court of Justice yesterday ordered the attorney-general to show cause why he should not allow a public figure to testify in a New York court on industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's reputation.

Applying for the order was *Time* magazine, which seeks to call Tal Aluf (res.) Dov Tamari to the witness stand in the libel suit that the former defence minister has brought against the magazine in New York.

Sharon is suing *Time* over an article which suggested he approved the Phalangist massacre in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in September 1982.

The state has seven days to reply to this latest order.

Meanwhile, the High Court heard the state's reasons for not permitting Police Minister and former chief of the general staff Haim Bar-Lev to testify on Sharon's character.

Replying to an order nisi issued late last month, Meir Gouldman, head of the international section of the State Attorney's Office, said that

permitting Bar-Lev to testify would endanger the existence of the government, particularly in the light of the special balance of forces it represents. The interest of the public demands that nothing be done to upset that balance.

Gouldman also argued that Bar-Lev's testimony would have to be based on the shared army experience of the two men, and might endanger state security.

*Time's* advocate, Shmuel Barzel, sought to dismiss this latter argument saying that until now it was merely the public good that had been argued in refusing to permit Bar-Lev's being called. "The case with which reasons of state security are pleaded is questionable," Barzel said.

Further, Barzel maintained, the press is full every day of ministerial comments on other ministers, and these often also relate to their characters.

The High Court is to rule on the matter next week. (Itim)

## Arabs insist on more seats in Local Authorities Union

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Arab local council heads want at least 10 seats on the 70-member board of the Union of Local Authorities, representatives of the committee of Arab local authorities declared at a press conference here yesterday.

Ahmed Abu-Ousbi, spokesman for the group, said that the Arabs are severely underrepresented in the decision-making organs of the union. Arabs, not including Druse, comprise 15 per cent of the population, he said, and in that respect they should have 11 seats on the board.

But, he added, the Arabs should get 30 seats if representation is based on the percentage of local authorities which are Arab.

"We would be willing to have half the seats based on population and half based on our proportion in the total number of local authorities; on that basis, we would get about 20 seats. The absolute minimum we will accept is 10."

Originally, five seats were set aside for Arabs, but in negotiations

held yesterday they were offered eight plus two seats for Druse. The Druse were already promised two and are not a party to the dispute.

At yesterday's press conference, the Arab local authority chairmen complained that the Union of Local Authorities has no Arab employees, another situation they want changed. They also want representatives on union committees which deal with day to day problems of local authorities.

"Our local councils have the biggest problems of all," Abu-Ousbi said, "because our level of services is lower than in the Jewish sector. There is discrimination against us in budget allotments from the Interior Ministry, but how can we demand that they change their policy when our own organization, the Union of Local Authorities, also discriminates?"

Negotiations are continuing with Petah Tikva Mayor Dov Tavori, the one candidate for the union chairmanship. The Arab local council heads did not say what steps they will take if their minimum demand for 10 seats on the board is not met.



A first-aid teacher demonstrates treatment of a broken leg in a course for Israel Electric Corporation employees. The IEC reports that one out of every 10 of the corporation's workmen has completed a first-aid course.



At the end of a joint Christmas-Hanukka party this week in Metulla, children from South Lebanon and Metulla receive sweets from the IDF's Lebanon Liaison Unit and the Metulla local council. Some 350 Christian children from South Lebanon came to the party. (IDF)

## Tsur plan causes flap with Jewish Agency

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The Jewish Agency claimed yesterday that it has no knowledge of Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur's plan — disclosed in *The Jerusalem Post* two weeks ago and in a Hebrew paper yesterday — to take over the Agency's responsibility for bringing back Israeli emigrants.

Agency aliyah department chairman Haim Aharon yesterday issued a statement declaring that the news came to him as a "complete surprise." He added that "the matter was not coordinated with us.... In the future, as in the past, anyone who turns to the Jewish Agency's offices will receive the most dedicated and responsible care."

Tsur, who is to leave for a week-long visit to the U.S. tomorrow night, plans to establish Israeli embassies and consulates as the only address for all emigrants and to provide them with all necessary information leading to their return home.

Aharon, in his statement, said he called the Foreign Ministry and "they didn't know anything about this." The Jewish Agency, he continued, "is the one that will deal with aliyah and the return of emigrants and no one else."

In reaction, the Absorption Ministry spokeswoman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that "the Jewish Agency knows of our plans." She admitted, however, that no con-

sultations had been held so far with Agency officials about the matter. The spokeswoman asserted, however, that the Foreign Ministry has approved Tsur's proposal, and that meetings have been held in the past month on various levels, including with director-general David Kimche.

Tsur plans to meet with some 3,000 emigrants who have high-technology skills in New York, and to study the preparedness of the embassy and consulates to deal with emigrants. If he thinks his plan will work, Tsur will bring the matter before the new Ministerial Committee on Aliyah and Absorption, which he heads, and implement his decision.

## Friends say Soviets are killing Begun

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The Soviets are "slowly killing Yosef Begun," according to friends of the Prisoner of Zion.

The 52-year-old mathematician and veteran teacher of Hebrew, shows all the symptoms of cardiac insufficiency and angina pectoris, says Prof. Ezra Sohar, director of the Sheba Hospital cardiac institute.

According to Begun's description of his physical symptoms, in a rare letter to his wife Ina, he is in danger of suffering a fatal heart attack if he continues at forced labour in the Polovinka prison camp in the northern Urals.

Mathematician Haim Margulis, a Hebrew student of Begun's 10 years ago, says he and his friends in the Public Council for Yosef Begun will do everything they can to ensure that he remains alive. Education Minister Yitzhak Navon is to be the group's new chairman; other members include Israel Academy of Sci-

ences and Humanities president Prof. Ephraim Urbach and author Aharon Megged.

Begun was sentenced 14 months ago to six years in prison and six years in exile on charges of "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation." It was his third sentence. Founder of the cultural movement that insisted that Jews had the right to learn Hebrew, Begun has recently become religiously observant.

Margulis says the public council has asked Health Minister Mordechai Gur to obtain information about Begun's health through the International Red Cross and other organizations. The government and the Knesset were asked by Ina Begun on December 11 to appeal to the Soviet Union, indirectly if necessary, on Begun's behalf, but nothing has been done so far, says Margulis.

Last night, the end of a month of solidarity with Soviet Jews was marked with an assembly at the Jerusalem Theatre, under the patronage of Prime Minister Peres.



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## Katsav: No cuts in probation officers

By ILAN CHAIM  
The number of probation officers will not be reduced despite budget cuts, Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav declared yesterday.

At a meeting with representatives of the Youth and Adult Probation Officers Association in Jerusalem, Katsav said the officers "must be left untouched." Noting that in previous periods of economic recession, the crime rate had surged by 10 per cent, Katsav stressed that the officers' expertise would soon be needed more than usual.

The 130 youth probation officers and 105 officers for adults in the ministry's division of correction services, which provide a variety of rehabilitation programmes to help keep their clients out of prison.

Katsav asked the officers for suggestions on new ways to cope with the expected increase in crime, and said he would like to accompany officers on their rounds to get "a real sense of what goes on in the field."

## Historian rejects accepted site of Temple Mount

By LIORA MORIEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Jews and Muslims need not fight over the right to pray in their most sacred places of worship, says Gailiyah Cornfeld, because the Temple Mount is not situated below the Dome of the Rock. Cornfeld is now completing the manuscript of a book he hopes to publish next month on this controversial finding.

"For too long, people have been swayed by Arab propaganda and folk legends according to which the prophet Muhammad ascended with his horse to heaven from the Temple Mount, described in legend as a large rock," Cornfeld said. "My own study is based on the topography of the area and on the research of the Palestine Exploration Fund in the 1940s."

Cornfeld, who was born in Rosh Pina 82 years ago, is a self-taught historian who has written eight books. Two of his books dealt with the Temple Mount, but he told *The*

*Jerusalem Post* that this is the first time that he has solutions to the problems he had raised.

"No self-respecting archaeologist can rely on the Arab tradition from the seventh century, which only served a political end: to move the centre of power from Mecca to Jerusalem, from Caliph Abdullah Ibn-Zabair to Jerusalem's Caliph Abdel Malik Ben-Marwan, who had ordered the Dome of the Rock mosque built between 687 and 691."

But Prof. Mordechai Cogan, chairman of the department of Bible and ancient near-eastern studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, told *The Post* that "there is absolutely no archaeological or historical doubt about the location of the Temple Mount, although no physical remains of the first Temple exist. Any other speculation is frivolous. The topographical features of that part of Jerusalem are very well known and no other site can come into consideration."

Cornfeld said that his case for placing the Temple Mount just north of the Ophel (the area southeast of the Temple Mount) is strong. "I base my theory on maps of the Ophel from 3,000, 1,000 and 100 years ago," he also relied heavily on the maps drawn by the Palestine Exploration Fund (PEF) in the 1840s and on books published by four men who studied the Temple Mount area at that time: Charles Warren's *Excavations of Jerusalem*, C.R. Conder's *The Survey of Western Palestine*, E. Pierotti's *Jerusalem Explored*, and C. Schick's *Die Stiftungs*.

Warren and Conder, English archaeologists, had the Turkish pasha's blessing in their search for the Temple. The other two were engineers who helped the Turks take care of the sacred sites in the area. They all reached the same conclusions, said Cornfeld, they all unearthed "the secret of the Temple Mount. But Arab propaganda and the stupidity of visitors has been so great that the findings of these men have been completely forgotten."

Cornfeld first doubted the belief that the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock are one and the same place in 1971, when he watched workers replacing the dome's old Turkish plumbing pipes with new ones. He noticed that the earth showed no sign of fire. In 70 CE the Romans had burnt the Temple to the ground, so he reasoned that there would be charred earth to prove it. But he noticed signs of fire north of the dome, on two giant rocks that, he said, Prof. Benjamin Mazar considered to be part of the Temple wall.

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## Heavy security as trial begins in Poland

## Priest kidnapped 'to frighten him, not to kill him'

TORUN, Poland. — Murdered priest Jerzy Popieluszko was kidnapped to frighten him into abandoning his support for the banned Solidarity free trade union, a security police officer on trial for the killing said yesterday.

Lieut. Leszek Pekala, 32, told the opening session of the trial at Torun provincial court that he helped kill the militantly anti-Communist Popieluszko, but said that his death had not been intended.

He spoke after the reading of murder indictments against himself and two other security policemen, Capt. Gregorz Piotrowski, 33, and Lieut. Waldemar Chmielewski, 29.

Their Interior Ministry superior, Col. Adam Pietruszka, was indicted for inciting them to abduct and kill the priest. All four face a minimum of eight years imprisonment and

possible death sentences.

The prosecution said the three killers, who confessed under interrogation, claimed to believe they had high-level protection and would be rewarded for their action which they did not regard as anti-state.

Describing Popieluszko's death after he was kidnapped near this northern town on October 19, the indictment said he was beaten unconscious four times when he tried to escape from the abductors' car.

He was strangled with a rope around his neck, wrists and ankles so that he strangled himself as he struggled and he was dead when he was thrown into the Vistula River where his body was found 11 days later.

Five western correspondents were allowed into the crowded 100-seat court for the start of the trial which took place amidst heavy security.

Police blocked sightseers from surrounding streets with barricades and a helicopter circled at roof-level over the building tucked in the middle of a back street.

Pietruszka looked impassive. Piotrowski confident and Pekala and Chmielewski nervous after their handcuffs were removed and the proceedings began. They wore civilian clothes.

Television cameras were allowed in briefly at the start to give a first public glimpse of the men accused of a crime which has shocked this intensely devout country.

According to the correspondents, the 70-page indictment said Piotrowski headed a section in the secret police responsible for "anti-state" and "anti-socialist" actions by members of the Roman Catholic clergy, including Popieluszko.

Piotrowski told investigators that the killing was intended "to influence" the actions of other priests and the episcopate, the correspondents quoted the indictment.

The captain said he acted "out of hatred" and "professional frustration" because his actions to curb Popieluszko's activities had not been successful, the indictment said.

The indictment said Piotrowski gathered evidence against Popieluszko in December 1983 when the priest's Warsaw apartment was searched. Popieluszko was subsequently indicted on charges of possessing explosive material and underground leaflets.

The priest always maintained the evidence had been planted, and the charges were dropped under July's general amnesty. (AP, Reuters)

## On fifth anniversary of invasion and guerrilla war

## Soviets increase their troop strength in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — Five years after sending the Red Army into Afghanistan the Soviet Union has begun to increase its troop strength and to introduce more modern weaponry in fighting a war that has cost an estimated 30,000 Soviet lives according to a Moslem guerrilla leader.

On December 27, 1979, the Soviet Union sent an estimated 85,000 airborne and regular ground troops into Afghanistan to aid a coup d'état staged by the pro-Soviet Afghan leader Babrak Karmal, now president.

In Washington on Wednesday, President Ronald Reagan condemned the continuing Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, calling it "a serious impediment to the improvement of our bilateral relations."

Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe issued a statement in Tokyo urging Soviet withdrawal, and Bangladesh's fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami Party observed a "black day" marking Soviet "occupation" of Afghanistan.

In the past three months, Soviet troop strength has grown to 140,000 by most accounts.

Gulbadin Hikmatyar, a top guerrilla leader, told a news conference in Islamabad this week that military and civilian casualties are mounting but there is no end in sight to the conflict.

Five years of fighting have cost "one million lives," Hikmatyar said, citing 950,000 civilian and 50,000 guerrilla deaths.

The British Government yesterday called for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

A government statement said that without the withdrawal there could be no progress towards an internationally acceptable settlement.

The French government, in a statement issued yesterday, stressed the "imperious necessity" of a Soviet withdrawal and the right of Afghans to self-determination.

In Moscow the Soviet press marked the 20th anniversary of the Afghan People's Democratic Party and extolled its accomplishments since coming to power six years ago, but mentioned the Soviets' 1979 intervention only in rebutting foreign criticism.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda did not mention the Soviet-backed coup that brought Karmal to power or the intervention of Soviet troops.

In Bangladesh, an estimated 1,000

demonstrators marched through Dacca streets yesterday condemning the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and demanding immediate withdrawal.

The demonstration was organized by two fundamentalist student and youth organizations, the Islamic Youth Front and the Islamic Student Front.

In Thailand, about 200 Thai Moslems, most of them students, staged a one-hour demonstration in front of the Soviet Embassy yesterday. The demonstrators distributed statements condemning Moscow, placed a protest letter in the embassy's mail box and carried placards reading "Death to USSR."

The group promised to meet at the embassy every year until the Soviet Union pulled its troops out of Afghanistan.

## American seeks \$110m. for hijack torture

NEW YORK (AP). — A New York City man sued Kuwait Airways and Iran for \$110 million on Wednesday, charging they allowed terrorists to torture him aboard a jet hijacked to Teheran earlier this month.

John Costa, 50, said that while bound with ropes, he was "beaten, kicked, abused, terrorized, burned with cigarettes and with the flame of a cigarette lighter" during the five days he was a hostage aboard flight 221.

Costa said he suffered several fractured ribs and head and body

injuries at the terrorists' hands. He said he also saw another American passenger being "sadistically tortured" and was aware the terrorists had "cold-bloodedly murdered" two other American passengers.

"Iran conspired with the villainous terrorists involved and made possible much of the conduct ... by condoning same," Costa charged. He said Iranian officials exhibited a "tolerant attitude" toward the hijackers and have not assured the world the terrorists will be prosecuted.

## More Poles jump ship at German port

FLENSBURG, West Germany (Reuters). — Another big group of Polish tourists failed to return from a shopping excursion in a West German port at Christmas, bringing the number who have jumped ship this year to over 1,000. West German frontier protection police reported yesterday.

The 112 tourists disembarked at the Baltic port of Travemünde from the ferry boat Pomerania on Christmas Eve and the ship left harbour on Christmas Day without them, a police spokesman said.

A further 800 have stayed behind on similar trips during the year, mainly from the ferry boat Rogalin.

In addition, 192 passengers — the biggest single number of ship-jumpers — quit the cruise liner Stefan Batory when it docked in Hamburg last month.

As in past cases, many of the new group are expected to seek political asylum in West Germany or other countries, sources said.

## Tamils extend deadline for kidnapped police

COLOMBO (AP). — Tamil separatist guerrillas who seized two police inspectors last week have extended their deadline for receiving a ransom of some \$200,000 for the men's release, authorities said yesterday.

News reports from Jaffna, capital of the country's troubled northern province, where the two men are believed to be being held, said that a message from the kidnappers had extended the deadline until today at 8 a.m. and warned the authorities not to release any information to the media.

The police have made clear that no ransom will be paid, but the wives of the two hostages were trying to raise the money privately.

## Singapore quits Unesco

PARIS (AP). — Singapore is withdrawing from the UN Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Singapore's ambassador to France said yesterday.

Ambassador David Marshall, who also acts as the permanent representative to Unesco, said the decision indicates neither disagreement with nor criticism of the organization.

"We have handed in our notice of withdrawal. We're a small country and we've got priority objectives for our limited resources," the ambassador said.

## Man-made comet becomes a dud after launch

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Scientists yesterday launched an artificial comet high above earth, where it "exploded" like a very bright star and formed a 49,888-kilometre tail, then dissipated after 15 minutes in an experiment to study solar wind.

"The solar wind blew this thing away very rapidly," scientist Bob Cameron said in a radio-telephone interview from a National Aeronautics and Space Administration jet that flew over the Pacific Ocean from Mountain View, California.

"At the outset, it exploded. It looked like a very bright star — sort of a yellowish-blue flash that quickly went to purple," Cameron said. "It held that size and shape for about three to five minutes, then we began to see a pronounced tail, which grew very rapidly" to nearly 50,000 kilometres in length.

The comet appeared 10 minutes after two canisters of barium were released from a West German satellite about 96,558 km over the Pacific.

The comet was part of a seven-experiment, \$78 million, U.S.-British-West German study of how the earth's magnetic field interacts with the solar wind, a hot, electrically charged gas or "plasma" speeding away from the sun at nearly 1.6 million kilometres per hour.

Cameron said the comet was dimmer than initially expected, because only two of four barium canisters were released so the experiment can be repeated next summer. It was visible to the naked eye from the Nasa plane for "a very, very few seconds," he said.

"It really dissipated much more rapidly than we expected," Cameron said. "It was a very strong solar wind and there was half as much barium as we anticipated."

## Moscow says Geneva talks are not a major breakthrough

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A senior Soviet official said yesterday that it would be premature to see next month's U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva as a turning point in relations between Washington and Moscow.

But Vadim Zagladin, deputy chief of the Communist Party's International Department, said Moscow believes there is a chance to improve U.S.-Soviet relations, if Washington shows willingness and matches that with actions.

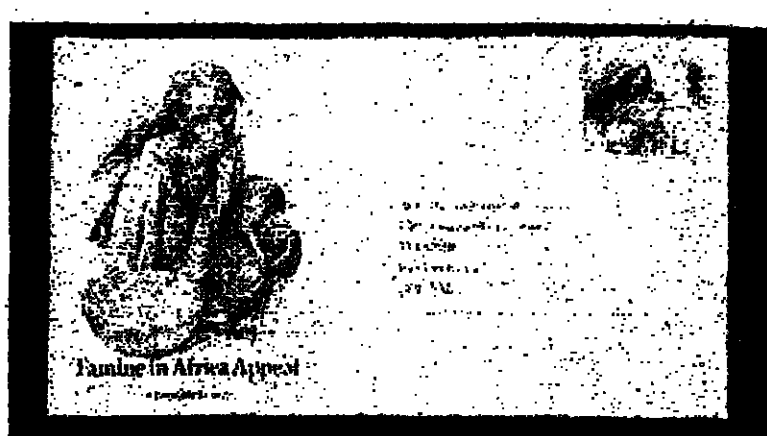
Writing in the daily Sovetskaya Rossiya (Soviet Russia), Zagladin said that when U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met on January 7-8, their discussions would be exploratory and could not be called real negotiations.

## Lebanese woman fails to find son, kills herself

BEIRUT (Reuters). — A 37-year-old Lebanese Shi'ite Moslem woman committed suicide after failing to trace her 13-year-old son who was kidnapped nine months ago, the daily al-Safir newspaper reported yesterday.

In a report headlined "The first martyr of families of the kidnapped," the left-wing daily said Nayfeh Najjar Hamadeh, a secretary at the newspaper, poisoned herself Wednesday night.

Washington had reached its decision to switch to a less harsh policy towards Moscow purely for internal political reasons — to help re-elect President Reagan and to quell domestic discontent with his policies, the article said.



A special envelope, showing an African mother with her two hungry children, is being produced by the post office in Britain to raise funds for drought and famine victims in Africa. The cover will cost 50 pence, including the 31 pence stamp. Total proceeds of the sale, with no expenses deducted by the post office, will go to the appeal via the Disaster Emergency Committee. (UPI telephoto)

## 5 killed as India votes

NEW DELHI (AP). — Five people were killed in election violence yesterday as more than 53 million Indians voted on the second day of national elections. Several million police and security forces were deployed to keep the peace.

Four people were killed in rival party clashes and one was killed when police fired to break up an inter-party battle in villages in the key southern state of Andhra Pradesh, according to the United News of India, quoting police.

Most of the violence occurred in Andhra when home-made bombs were hurled at a polling booth, fights broke out between the National Congress and state Telegu Desam parties and ballot boxes were stolen from 10 stations. UNI said.

At least 29 people have been killed since polling started Monday for 507 parliamentary seats. At least 13 others were killed in pre-poll violence, raising the total to at least 42 since the campaign started in early December.

More than 97 million people were eligible to vote for 116 seats yesterday. Initial reports indicated about 55 per cent voted — more than 53 million.

The election ends today when several million people are eligible to vote for three seats.

More than 170 million voters — more than 60 per cent of those eligible — went to the polls Monday to fill 379 seats. Almost 380 million people were eligible to vote in the world's biggest election, spread over three days to allow for movement of election workers and security forces.

## Angry Italians ask justice at service for bomb victims

BOLOGNA, Italy (Reuters). — An angry crowd mourning at least 15 people killed by a train bomb near Bologna chanted "We want justice" yesterday as the city's Communist mayor charged that the bombers enjoyed protection with Italy's state apparatus.

Mayor Renzo Imbeni, speaking to the crowd after a funeral service for the victims in Bologna's main basilica, said the identity of those behind last Sunday's bombing of a crowded train in a tunnel south of here is still a mystery despite numerous claims by political extremists.

"But we know why they could kill," Imbeni said. "Because this terrorism by massacre goes unpunished."

The mayor said 140 people had died since 1969 in five bomb attacks attributed to neo-fascist groups, but not a single person had been found guilty.

Those who placed the explosives in Brescia, Milan, and in three railway attacks around Bologna, including the latest, had escaped "because there was complicity and protection within the state apparatus," he said.

During the service, attended by President Sandro Pertini and other political leaders, Bologna Archbishop Giacomo Biffi also angrily demanded that those behind Sunday's attack and previous outrages be brought to justice.

For the first time in a mass killing, relatives of the victims took the coffins away for private burial instead of participating in the state funeral service.

Italian newspapers quoted relatives of some of the 14 identified victims as saying they were protesting against the state's failure to guard its citizens from indiscriminate attack.

## Chinese peasants swear to protect pandas

PEKING (Reuters). — Mountain villagers in west China drank the blood of slaughtered cockerles in an oath to protect the endangered giant panda, the New China News Agency reported yesterday.

The oath was part of a traditional ritual among men of the Yi minority in Sichuan Province, where most of China's 1,000 pandas live.

The government is offering cash rewards to encourage rural people to help pandas as part of its campaign to protect the animal which is threatened by a shortage of bamboo, its favourite food.

The Chinese press has reported cases of pandas — which can be dangerous — moving into the isolated homes of hill people. One lived in a peasant family's courtyard for two weeks.

Some families have treated visiting pandas to meals of mutton, potatoes and other food, the agency said.

KENNEDY. — U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy left Sunday yesterday after paying a five-day visit to drought-stricken areas and spending Christmas Eve with relief workers at a camp for Ethiopian famine victims.

## Indian firemen rescue infants in blaze

NEW DELHI (AP). — Firemen rescued 200 women and children, including newborn infants, from a hospital maternity ward after a fire broke out nearby. A hospital spokesman said there were no deaths or injuries.

Dr. P.B. Majumdar, medical superintendent of the Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan Hospital in northern Delhi, said the fire broke out in a medical storehouse around noon, but was put out in an hour.

The storehouse is located near the maternity ward, where 20 children and 180 women panicked after they saw the smoke and were quickly evacuated to safer areas by 150 firemen, Majumdar said.

Police were investigating the cause of the fire, and Majumdar said the blaze might have been triggered by an electrical short circuit or carelessness of hospital workers.

## Three more sentenced to die in Vietnam

LONDON (Reuters). — Three more people were sentenced to death and 16 others given jail terms ranging from four years to life on charges of plotting to overthrow Vietnam's Communist government, Radio Hanoi reported yesterday.

The broadcast, monitored by the BBC, said the group had served in the former South Vietnamese army. They were tried recently by the Song Be provincial court just north of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, and all of them pleaded guilty.

It was not known if the group had links to more than 100 dissidents captured from 1981 to 1984, after infiltrating Vietnam, and charged with plotting to overthrow the government with the help of China, Thailand and the U.S.

Twenty-one dissidents were tried in Ho Chi Minh City two weeks ago. Five were sentenced to death and the others were jailed for from eight years to life.

Radio Hanoi said the leader of the group that was tried at Song Be had plotted the overthrow of the government while at a re-education camp. He recruited others from inside the camp.

## Sports

## Aussies save Test

MELBOURNE (AP). — The fourth Test match at the Melbourne cricket ground ended in a draw here yesterday with the West Indies only two wickets short of victory, after Australia batted through the afternoon to be 198 for the loss of eight wickets. Australian tail-ender Geoff Lawson was bowled by the last ball of the match without scoring but he had survived the first five balls of the last over from Courtney Walsh.

Opener Andrew Hilditch saved the match for Australia with a patient, courageous innings of 115. He was later named Man of the Match.

He batted for 359 minutes and his seven fours and was out only 10 minutes before the end of the play to a Larry Gomes ball that kept him on his feet. Others to contribute to the drawn result: Australia were skipper Allan Border, who made 41 before given out by a controversial umpire's decision, and spinner Murray Bennett, who hung on for 83 minutes and was not out 3 at the end of play. Big Joel Garner was the most successful West Indies bowler, finishing with figures of 4-61.

West Indies 479 and 186 for 5 decs. Australia 296 and 198 for 8. Match drawn. In Cuttack, England's tallest pulled off a dramatic victory over India in second one-day international cricket match yesterday with a better run rate average as poor light disrupted end of play in this Eastern city. India scored 252 for six 49 overs, with an average of 5.14 runs, while England batsmen collected 241 runs for five in 46 overs with an average of 5.23 runs.

## SOCCER PREVIEW

## Shift to Cup

By PAUL KOHN

Post Sports Correspondent TEL AVIV. — The league championship race takes a breather this weekend, as the teams in the top two divisions play in the comparatively new League Cup round-robin tournament. The competition here, unlike other countries, is between national league teams, apart from second division clubs.

The 16 teams in the first division have been divided into four groups. In Group "A" Maccabi Tel Aviv, Maccabi Haifa, Maccabi Netanya and Maccabi Petach Tikva face each other. Group "B" comprises Bnei Yehuda, Bnei Sakhnin, Hapoel Haifa and Maccabi Jaffa. Group "C" has Hapoel Tel Aviv, Hapoel Beersheba, Hapoel Kfar Sava and Hapoel Ramat Gan. While Group "D" comprises Hapoel Lod, Maccabi Netanya, Shimonai and Hapoel Petach Tikva.

The main game tomorrow will be played in Kiryat Haim, where Maccabi Haifa, the league champions, face Maccabi Tel Aviv. The Haifa-ites received a shock message last Saturday when lowly Bnei Sakhnin beat them 1:0 on the same ground. Maccabi Haifa will be keen to erase the memory of that match.

Bnei Sakhnin meanwhile will be playing the new league leaders, Bnei Yehuda, at YMCa in Jerusalem. Another victory for Bnei Sakhnin is very unlikely.

In Petach Tikva, Hapoel entertain Shimonai, who beat them 1:0 last Saturday at the Bloomfield Stadium.

## Budd runs again

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — South African-born runner Zola Budd will arrive in Switzerland tonight to resume her international athletics career with an 8.4-km. road race in Zurich on Sunday, her adviser Jannie Momborg said.

Budd said last month she planned to stay in South Africa for the time being and would commute to international events, and that a trust fund administered by Momborg and two other South Africans had been set up for her. She is retaining her British nationality and is being severely criticized in South Africa for trying to have it both ways, thus bringing South Africa into disrepute.

## Suspensions

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter TEL AVIV. — Clarence Kees of Hapoel Holon and Eyal Hase of Maccabi Tel Aviv were sentenced to miss three games and one game respectively by the IBA's disciplinary committee yesterday, as a punishment for the bout of violence in which they engaged when their two teams met recently.

Magge flies out today to join Maccabi Tel Aviv in London for the traditional 16-team friendly international round robin at the Crystal Palace to mark the Christmas-New Year holidays. Maccabi's first game today is against a Czechoslovakian side.

In Haarlem, Holland, Hapoel Tel Aviv is participating in a similar friendly festival tournament. They lost 88-90 to den Bosch of Holland, despite Mike Largent's 26 points, but beat Reno Gas of Belgium 135-95. Largent scored 21 points, and five other players getting into double figures.

## SCOREBOARD

NBA — New Jersey 112, Detroit 97; Washington 119, Indiana 89; Dallas 124, Los Angeles Clippers 118; Milwaukee 97, Houston 87; Boston 119, Phoenix 114; Atlanta 117, New York 105; Utah 123, Kansas City 122; Denver 130, San Antonio 119; Los Angeles Lakers 101; Seattle 97. NHL — Kings 3, Canucks 3; Oilers 6, Flames 5; Blues 4, Black Hawks 3; Buffalo 6, Toronto 6; Washington 6, Philadelphia 0; Whalers 5, Devils 3; Penguins 6, Islanders 5. JUNIOR TENNIS. — Gifford Bloom won his second and third round matches in the Reims International Junior Tennis Championships at Paris Wednesday, beating the Sarlo of Yugoslavia 6-4, 6-0 and Kamil Kozmova, U.S., 6-3, 2-6, 3-6.

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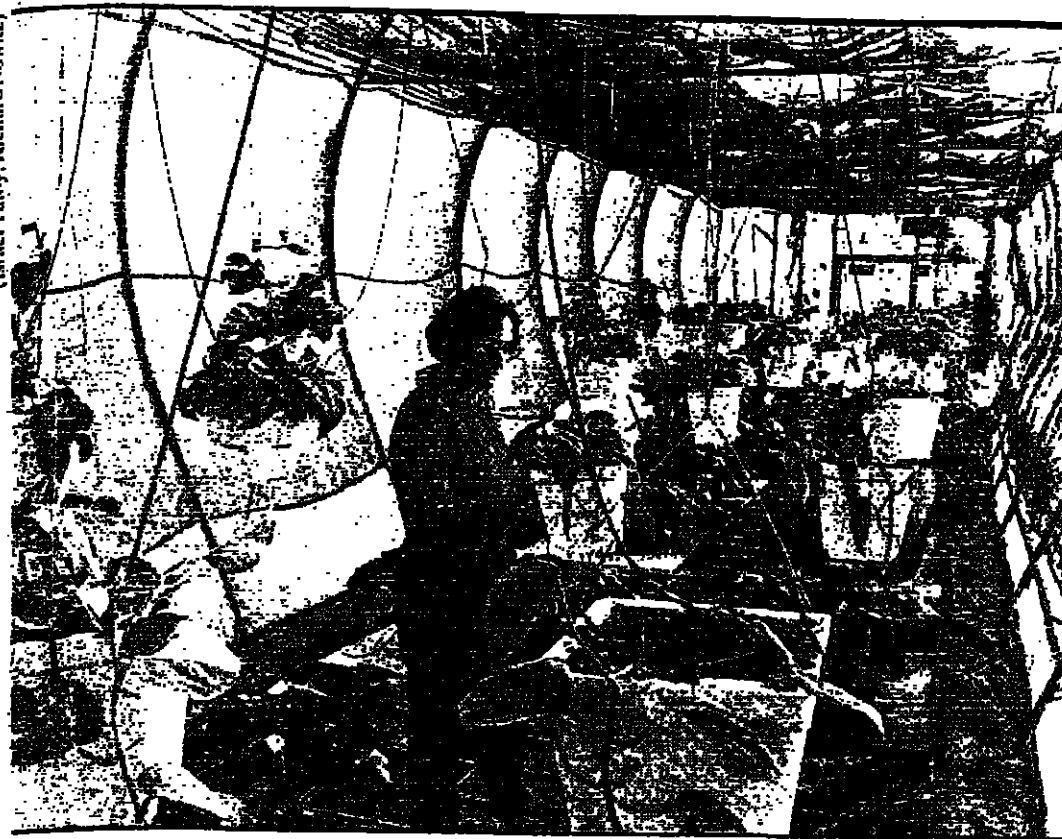
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From left: Tropical plants being tested at the Volcani Institute; investigating the ability of plants to survive in a desert environment at the Ben-Gurion University's Institute for Applied Research; African participant in a development programme.

# Laboratory for the Third World

The Jerusalem Post's Liora Moriel looks at the scope of Israel's assistance to developing nations

IT IS A CURIOUS irony that Israel, the subject of scorn and abuse by so many Third World countries — possessors of the key to many of their most pressing development problems.

What makes Israel unique in this regard is that it, too, contains vast areas of arid land and that it, too, has recently passed through the traumatic development process.

And along the way, Israel has acquired the technology and expertise for overcoming some of the most stubborn barriers to development.

But humanitarian aid transcends political invective, and despite the lack of diplomatic relations, Israel is involved — directly or indirectly — in development projects in most Third World countries.

"Not even big countries can supply our kind of know-how," says Professor Samuel Pohoryles, director of the Agriculture Ministry's Rural Planning and Development Authority.

"Few other countries can point to our kind of success," adds Yohanan Bein, who directs the Foreign Ministry's International Cooperation Division. "Thirty-five years ago, Israel was on an austerity programme, with a lack of goods, even hunger. Today, our exports amount to \$12b. a year, half of it through industry. This is a stupendous achievement in one generation."

In that one generation, Israel has increased its agricultural potential 12-fold, six times more than the most rapid progress for similar semi-arid zones given by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. It has become a leader in developing such sparsely populated zones, both in water management and plant genetics, and is in the forefront of dairy-cow breeding and milk production, as well as cotton growing.

"We are good at passing along our know-how," says Bein, "because we remember the problems. The experts who train farmers in developing countries today are duplicating their own experiences in Israel; they know what mistakes they made and how not to repeat them."

"It is in Israel's interest to increase its friends abroad and it is in the interest of developing countries to develop," says Bein.

"Most countries, quite rightly, see Israel as a model to copy, an inspiration. We see Israel as a natural laboratory, because we have a semi-arid area without enough arable land or water, and this is the predicament of most developing countries."

SINCE INDEPENDENCE, Israel has repeatedly offered to share its expertise and technology with its

Arab neighbours, as well as with other countries.

In his annual address to the United Nations General Assembly in October, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir repeated that "Israel calls upon all governments to set aside political differences and narrow economic interests to join forces in the campaign against hunger."

"Israel," he said, "will continue to cooperate with other nations in technology and development. It stands ready to join other governments, international agencies and non-governmental organizations in working to meet this great challenge to humanity."

In fact, Israel is ignoring the official aloofness of those countries, which nevertheless need and want its help.

"We have, after all, unofficial relations with many, many countries," says Benjamin Abileah, Bein's assistant.

"Most African nations which severed relations with Israel in 1973 are convinced of the need for renewing diplomatic relations with us and are only looking for an excuse," says Bein.

"The overt reason for the initial break in relations was that a sister African country — Egypt — lost territory conquered by Israel, and there is no reason why this should still be a factor today."

Egypt now enjoys Israeli agricultural assistance through two trilateral projects funded to the tune of \$8 million by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID); the development of arid zones, and the exchange of agricultural technology between Israel and Egypt, which share similar ecological environments.

"We're the main contractor for the project," says Dr. Elliott Birnbaum, director of the Boyko Institute, which is attached to Ben-Gurion University's Institute for Applied Research. "There are two Egyptian scientists here for a year."

"The projects are funded indirectly — AID helps developing countries, and we're not one. But our research can be funded" — and the aim is to help Egypt raise its level of agriculture by doing research that can be used there.

"As far as I know," says Birnbaum, "this is the first instance of such direct help."

The less a country depends on the Arab world, the more likely it is to seek Israeli assistance, according to Bein. The basis for cooperation is the desire to learn from Israel's experience, particularly in agriculture.

Israel has a solid reputation for helping developing nations through



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"in-service training. One of our experts goes to the area and is responsible for everything in his field, with the help of the Agriculture Ministry," says Abileah.

In addition, Israel offers 40 courses every year to train people from developing nations in agriculture, medicine, community development and labour studies. Over 27,000 men and women from 112 countries have so far come to Israel for these courses, given in three languages (English, French and Spanish).

There are three approaches to sharing know-how with the developing world, says Bein, based on different ideologies. The first says that a master plan should be devised for the whole country. "Experts are sent to the area; they sit in air-conditioned offices and draw up a beautiful plan that is very rarely used. It usually simply collects dust on some higher official's desk."

The second approach, favoured by Scandinavian countries, is to reach the simple farmer. "This is a short-term solution, because you only reach the one you teach."

The third way, shared by Israel and a few other countries, is to reach the middle level — agricultural planners, school principals, and other instructors. "What they learn themselves, they will pass on to others. That's why we extend our courses, teaching participants how to disseminate their new knowledge, and how to persuade the boss to agree to the implementation of these new ideas."

IN JULY, the evaluation unit of the Israel Association for International Cooperation handed the Foreign Ministry the results of the first study ever of an Israeli aid programme. The country studied was Thailand — on which, available statistics sug-

gest, Israel spends some 15 per cent of its annual aid budget — and the period 1976 to 1982.

The survey showed that the programme is a good one, as it provides practical application as well as technical know-how. But some of the projects are not as vital and relevant as others. The evaluators proposed that a joint Israeli-Thai team be set up to plan a long-term programme that would "project Thailand's priorities and Israel's capabilities several years ahead."

While Thailand is a good example of a long-term Israeli project, other countries, such as Nicaragua, have either discontinued ongoing programmes totally or have greatly curtailed them.

Bein stresses that Israel's policy in any given case is not to send an Israeli team of experts under the guise of another country of origin.

Israelis can take part in projects funded by other nations as Israelis, but only individual experts acting on their own behalf can go to hostile countries without the Israeli tag.

"There are no Israelis acting as if they were foreigners," states Bein categorically. "There is always a balance of ideology and policy when we make a decision on an aid project. If Libya asked for our expertise, it wouldn't get it. On the other hand, Jordan has received our help without asking, simply by focusing its binoculars over the border and copying exactly what we've done here."

"Today, there is no longer a Green Line along this border."

WHEN DIRECT or indirect Israeli assistance is not possible, it is often given through an international organization which has links with both parties. For example, Israeli researchers regularly receive brochures advising them of funding for special

of agriculture. The Dutch are also funding projects using Israeli scientists.

ONE OF THE MOST exciting is that initiated by Prof. Dov Pasternack (now on sabbatical in the U.S.) of BGU's Boyko Institute near Ashkelon.

Because many of the world's deserts border on the sea, it was thought that a fodder plant which can be grown in sea water might alleviate a serious problem in developing such otherwise hopeless regions. (It is too expensive to bring sweet-water irrigation to these areas.)

Pasternack is working with Australian salt bushes. He has developed a technique for growing salt-tolerant plants and trees in sea water. "The idea is that by using the right flow rate of water, the salt water is pumped up from the sea and drains back to the sea without endangering better-quality water further from the coast," explains Birnbaum.

One salt bush that spread well as fodder was found to be unpalatable to sheep, but tests are currently underway to see whether the sheep will tolerate it as a small part of their regular fodder, in a mix. Other plants are also being tested, and one is already a favourite with deer.

Birnbaum points out another, less lucrative method of spreading Israeli know-how. Visiting scientists from other countries, he says, are not above stealing.

"We work on hybrids of melons, strawberries, grapes, and so on, for five to 10 years. Once the plants are in the field, however, anyone can get cuttings and propagate them. Plant material is very easily stolen, even if the plant is patented."

Drip irrigation equipment from Israel also makes its way to countries all over the world.

"They're using drip irrigation coupled with cheap labour in many parts of the world so they can easily compete with us in agricultural exports," says Birnbaum.

Water management techniques developed by Israel, like drip irrigation, have increased productivity in Israel by 221 per cent from 1959 to 1975, Pohoryles points out. "That is to say that the same quantity of water in 1975 produced nearly two and a quarter times more agricultural output than in 1959."

Another statistic: "One employee in agriculture produces a quantity of food sufficient for 55 people, com-

pared with a ratio of 1:17 20 years ago."

ISRAEL IS NOT entirely altruistic, Bein emphasizes. "The reason a country approaches Israel and wants our help is because we have something to offer. Then, once the programme succeeds — and it usually does — the country comes back to Israeli companies to buy fertilizers, irrigation systems, sprinklers and so on. For every dollar we spend on technical assistance, we quickly earn \$5 in exports. And this amount increases in the long run."

The International Cooperation Division works with a very small budget, says Bein and Abileah, but through collaboration with other agencies abroad, the scope of its activities is greatly multiplied.

"This aid programme must be the basis of our foreign policy," says Bein. "What we need is more seed money so that we can carry out our own projects."

"Today, we are limited to those projects where we see eye to eye with the funding nation."

"It also means that we cannot be as quick as we were in the past to solve ongoing or special problems. In the Sixties, when we discovered a need in a developing country, Israeli experts were on the scene within two or three months. Today, it takes a year."

The scientists in Beersheba cannot solve the immediate problems presented by the famine in Ethiopia and vast areas of the Third World. But they may be able to help African farmers cope with the next catastrophe using developments like the buffalo gourd, which, says Dr. Samuel Medlinger, a researcher in plant genetics, "is excellent for plant genetics in the developing world with simple, hand-to-mouth agriculture."

The buffalo gourd is a perennial, and its tuber, which can reach a weight of 15 kg., supplies a rich source of high-quality starch, fibre and other nutrients.

"One good rainy season is all you really need," says Medlinger. "The farmer has the choice of either eating the tuber or keeping it underground as famine insurance. The earth itself becomes the storage space, so it is ideal for poor countries with poor infrastructures."

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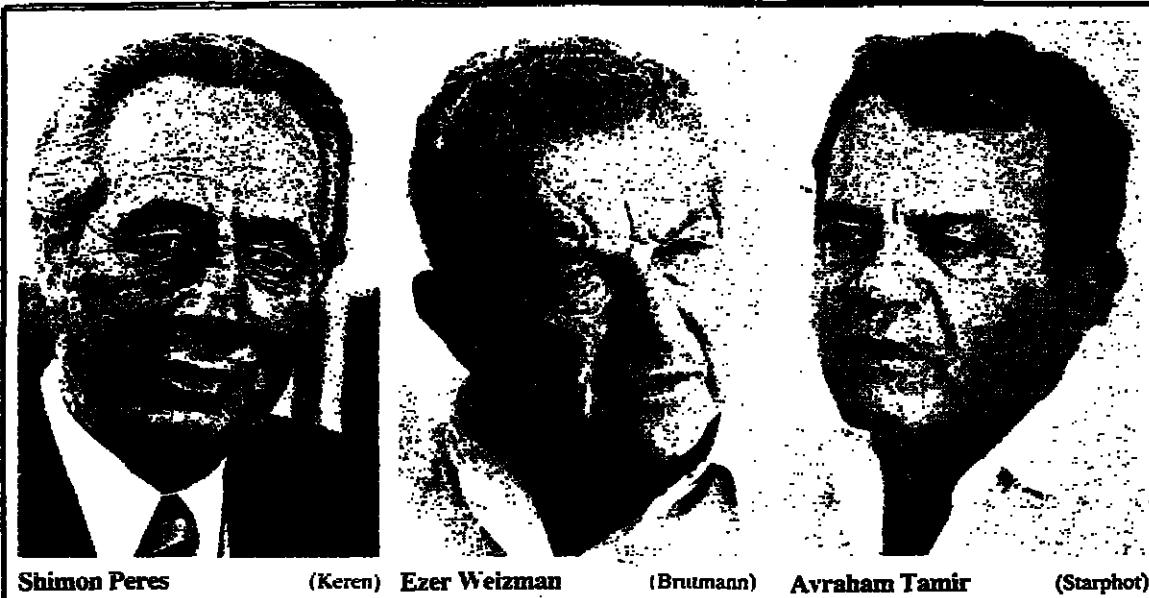
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# Top of the pops premier

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THE MAN of the year, even his detractors must concede, is Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Once a perennial loser, he is zooming up the popularity charts. Pollster Sara Shemer was commissioned by *Hadashot* to ask the public:

"According to the Labour-Likud agreement, there must be a switch in the premiership between Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir in two years' time. If it was in your power, who would you choose?" Answer: 47 per cent for Peres; 25 per cent for Shamir; 28 per cent "don't know."

More than the magic of incumbency is involved, to judge by the warm welcome Peres received from the crowds during his recent visits to Ashdod and Nahariya. No wonder the Likud is flummoxed, as they watch the exorbitant of the demons they spirited onto Peres all those years. I'm told that at a closed meeting of the Shamir circle, his most personable emissary, MK Dan Meridor, wondered aloud whether it would not be better to break up the grand coalition now "because every day Peres gets more and more popular."

Everyone is remarking on the new style Peres has brought to the Prime Minister's office, not just the up-to-date electronic equipment, but his team of bright young men (average age 35, all university graduates), commonly known as the Peres Boys. He brought with him from Labour Party HQ Yosef Beilin, now cabinet secretary, and his bureau director, Boaz Appelbaum, who has key responsibility for deciding who gets through into the inner sanctum.

Each morning at 8 a.m. Beilin convenes a confab to draft lines of action and reaction for Peres' perusal. This forum usually comprises political adviser Menachem Begin, spokesman and media counselor Uri Savir, his assistant, Baruch Askerov, and the director of the Government Press Office, Israel Feleg.

It's no bed of roses being on call to a workaholic boss. Spokesman Savir, for example, starts at 8 a.m. and often stays at the office until 11 p.m. The tag "Peres Boys" will soon become a misnomer when Aliza Eshed returns to Peres' employ as his personal assistant. The wife of

Davar columnist Hagai Eshed. Aliza worked for the Labour leader in his previous ministries.

The Peres Boys have become very fond of Ezer Weizman, whose office is down the hall, regarding him as most loyal to their boss and his search for peace. They're grateful that Ezer can influence an old pal, Avraham (Abraham) Tamir, keeping his temper in check and enabling him to display his organizational talents as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

IT'S SAID that Peres doesn't have to divide in order to rule, as the Likud is doing the job for him. The Likudniks are not being too nice to each other. Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i came under attack this week in an article in *Hicaviz* by a Liberal rival, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir. What's drawing together Labour Ministers and many Liberals, especially Moda'i's faction, is David Levy's carping populism, which has earned him the nickname of "Hot Lips." Tension is growing between the two Likud factions since Moda'i sacked Herutnik Azriel Waldman from the Government Corporations Authority, after Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon dismissed Liberal Danny Lehrer from a senior post in his ministry.

I hear of friction in the Shamir entourage between his close Foreign Ministry aide, Yosef Ben-Aharon, and his "spy" at the P.M.'s Office, Harry Hurwitz. Both of them claim authorship of his hard-line speech at Yeshiva University. An unexpected guest at the dinner was our Ambassador to France, Ovadia Sofer. Some people say that when Peres was in Paris, Sofer behaved as though he were the centre of attention, and that he has been trying to curry favour with Shamir ever since the waning of his patron and Tamir's, Nessim Gaoz of Geneva.

PICTURE OF UNITY: Perhaps the

symbol of the grand coalition in government is the presence of two poster portraits above the information desk at the entrance to the Prime Minister's Office: David Ben-Gurion and Ze'ev Jabotinsky.

IT WAS a rare cabinet session this week: all 24 ministers attended.

A chart of ministerial absenteeism should have Ariel Sharon (Industry and Trade) at the top for his 47 days away during the government's 100 days in office. Next is Shamir, with 36 days abroad. Not far behind are the two Liberals, Gideon Patti (Science) with 32 days and Avraham Sharir (Tourism) with 25; Peres comes sixth (12 days); and at the bottom of the chart are Ezer Weizman (Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, 6 days), Yitzhak Rabin (Defence, 4 days) and Moshe Arens (Health, 3 days).

No astrologer is needed to tell us that Patti and Sharir will travel in 1985. But other predictions are not

so obvious. Star-gazer Ilan Pecker sees a tough year for Premier Peres. Both he and colleague Danny Herman forecast trouble with Syria towards the end of 1985. As to foreign parts, Pecker predicts that Ronald Reagan will quit the White House and there will be changes at Buckingham Palace. He also forecasts serious threats to King Hussein's reign.

A REBELLION is growing in Labour's Tel Aviv branch against Deputy Mayor (and Deputy Knesset Speaker) Dov Ben-Meir, because of his resistance to disbanding the Labour-Likud coalition at City Hall. City councillor, Prof. Ephraim Torgovnik is leading the revolt. Ben-Meir refuses to answer charges that he's spending too much public money. Apart from his Knesset pay, Ben-Meir enjoys an expense account paid from the municipal treasury, plus a second telephone at home and a car driven by a city-paid chauffeur.

Labour Party Secretary-General Uri Baram has given Ben-Meir until this Monday to honour his written election commitment to vacate either his municipal or his Knesset position. Aharon Nahmias (Safed) and Jacques Amir (Dimona) both quit their city halls on entering the Knesset.

While such ministers as Yigal Hurvitz, Moshe Arens and Ya'acov Tsor are urging that Aza's former owner, Shaul Eisenberg, cough up some of the state money he got to save the ailing textile firm, the role of the tycoon's erstwhile whiz-kid Michael (Micky) Albin seems to have been overlooked - rather surprising in view of the roller-coaster ride Aza's shares had. Albin's friends say he's far from the poor house, although he's not quite the communications tycoon he planned to be. Having parted ways with Israel Roll of Rollfilm, he's left with 60 per cent of Abie Nathan's highly

lucrative Voice of Peace radio station, 50 per cent of *Montin* magazine and the *Globes* financial paper. Albin is still involved in Liberal Party politics, and his old pal, party treasurer Menachem Atzmon (a senior executive at Eisenberg's Israel Corporation) asked him to help tackle the Likud's \$2 million election debt.

BEST WISHES for a speedy recovery to 87-year-old Mapam and Kibbutz Artzi founder Meir Ya'ari, currently recovering from an eye operation at his Kibbutz Merhavia home. Just got a picture postcard from our Ambassador to Australia, Yisachar Ben-Ya'acov, from Tarawai, capital of the Republic of Kiribati in Micronesia, where he presented his letters of credence as our first non-resident Ambassador to President Joseph Tabai, whose country has a population of 100,000 living on islands stretching across five million kilometres of the Pacific.

The celebrated Czech-turned-American film director Milos Forman is flying in for the Israeli premiere of his *Amadeus*, along with producer Saul Zaentz, to be sponsored by the Council for a Beautiful Israel on January 22 at the Lev 1 cinema in Tel Aviv. Tickets (IS10,000 each) can be obtained from the ticket committee, run by Mrs. Esther Rubin.

Regine, the poor Belgian-born Jewish girl who built up a globe-embracing chain of night clubs, has just been here with her husband, Moroccan-born Roger Choukroon, to pick up their Israeli citizenship and to plan their future home in Jerusalem's Yemin Moshe quarter. Regine's coming home was celebrated by Aza Herzog at a small dinner party at Beit Hanassi, and in a Tel Aviv restaurant by such friends as Gita Shoverov and Lea Rabin. I'm told that the new Israeli will do her bit to further normalization with Egypt by shortly opening one of her famous clubs in Cairo.

BRITISH OLIM Society chairman Eric Lucas and director Ian Terry have marked its 25th anniversary by opening a social centre in Carmiel, named in honour of Ernest and Ella Frankel. The veteran British Zionist and Joint Israel Appeal leader has been a moving spirit in helping olim from Britain for the past quarter of a century.

The Jerusalem Post's Toy Fund and Forsake Me Not fund received IS900,000 from a benefit held at the Sheraton Hotels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, with Sheraton Vice-President and Area Manager Per Kjellstrom and his staff volunteering for the event. Tel Aviv Hilton manager Dieter Huckerstein delighted a number of orphans with a Hanukkah party attended by Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, his wife Ophira and their children.

Christmas TV transmissions to the U.S. this year went via a new high-tech system called E-star, one feature of a revolution in satellite broadcasts to North America following the agreement between Gary Worth president of Los Angeles-based World Communications Inc. and Hesi Carmel, managing director of General Satellite Services Co. Ltd. The Israeli company has such weighty principals as ex-communications minister (and ex-Mossad chief) Meir Amit, French media magnate Jean Frydman and U.S. tycoon David Cukierman. The firm has an exclusive contract with Bezeq, the state communications monopoly. It plans to put up in space a kosher Israeli satellite, according to Carmel's assistant, Yehuda Drori.

Our printer's devil had too much Hanukkah wine last week, ascribing to British Ambassador William Squire, the quip of our former envoy in London Gideon Raphael about the Greens Party and the Germans' bad taste in colour. That Hanukkah revelry resulted in a misprint of the report of West German Ambassador Niels Hansen's reference to the Greens. What he said was that should the Middle East impasse persist, Israel would have trouble not only with them, but with broader sections of Western public opinion.

## HOME FOR TALENTED GUESTS

By MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter

IF ALL goes according to plan, Tel Aviv may have its own version of Jerusalem's Mishkenot Sha'ananim, a guesthouse for artists, writers, musicians and thinkers, in three or four years. Since nothing ever does go according to plan, it may take a little longer. But the chances are good: the plan exists, the committee is sitting, and a substantial part of the money is available.

Actually the guesthouse will be in Jaffa, in a remodelled version of "Scotch House," a missionary hospital constructed in the early 1900s in what is now Rehov Yefet.

The project is being undertaken by the Tel Aviv Development Foundation, which has worked on the renovation of the Neve Zedek neighbourhood, establishment of a community centre in Jaffa, construction of the amphitheatre in Hayarok Park, and other cultural and social ventures for which it mobilizes funding, principally from abroad.

Hanan Ben-Yehuda, director of the foundation, sits on the 12th and top floor of city hall, from which, if the windows were clean, one could see much of the centre and south of the city. His offices are adjacent to those of Mayor Shlomo Lahat, who is the foundation's chairman. It was Mayor "Chich," an army buddy, who coaxed Ben-Yehuda away from Jerusalem, first to be his aide, and then to run the foundation.

Ben-Yehuda credits journalist Mira Avrech, best known as the gossip columnist of *Yediot Aharonot*, with the initiative for the Jaffa guesthouse.

Will Mishkenot Yamim, as it is to be called (Dwelling of the Seas) be in competition with Mishkenot Sha'ananim (Dwelling of Tranquility) for visiting talent? Ben-Yehuda insists that it can only complement the other guesthouse. Visitors might want to divide their time between both cities, and the projected centre in Jaffa could also play host to Jerusalem artists with a thirst for the sea.

WHICH brings him to some of the differences between the Jaffa plan and the existing guesthouse in Jerusalem. He says, with all due respect, that he has learned some lessons from Mishkenot Sha'ananim's mistakes: "We are lucky enough to be second."

The first major difference is that the centre, with about 20 bedrooms, will house Israeli artists as well as

visitors. The second is that the same building will include such facilities as studios, meeting rooms for workshops and lectures, a cafeteria and a small auditorium with 150 to 200 seats.

In that way, the Jaffa centre won't be dependent on other institutions for its programme, as the Jerusalem guesthouse depends on the Hebrew University and the Van Leer Institute. Its own living room is too small for all but the most intimate readings, and "people at Mishkenot Sha'ananim can live next door to each other and not meet," says Ben-Yehuda.

The other differences stem from

the source of funding: a total of about DM4.5m. will come from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Axel Springer newspapers in Germany. The Adenauer Foundation, which promotes international understanding, made two suggestions before agreeing to foot the bill: One was that Mishkenot Yamim, which is located in a neighbourhood of Jews, Moslems and Christians, include in its programme events that will further Arab-Jewish contact. The other was that it make a special effort to develop Israeli-German relations. "We agreed in principle," says Ben-Yehuda, "while maintaining the basic concept."

What is the Adenauer Foundation? "There are two of them," says attorney Arnon Gitzelter, who represents one or both of the Mishkenot Yamim planning committee.

The larger one is an international fund set up by the Adenauer family and the Social Democratic Party; it has developed educational projects in 35 countries. The other is the Adenauer Foundation of Israel, which Gitzelter himself set up to perpetuate Adenauer's example of the "human bridge" between cultures. It sponsors exchange projects in the U.S., Europe and South Africa. In the current instance, the German group will give the money, and the Israeli group will determine the programme.

What that is exactly and how it balances with the "artistic" function of the guesthouse is likely to arouse some controversy. But all that is far away for now. Ben-Yehuda estimates that the planning of the programme and the physical site will take about two years. The architects are Mandel and Luxembourg, who designed Mishkenot Sha'ananim. Only then will the tender be issued.

How does the current economic squeeze affect the plans? The construction itself is covered by the foreign donations, but as it stands now the city will be responsible for operating costs, and there the project might run into trouble. The planners are now seeking foundation money to keep the guesthouse running.

Then comes the problem of drawing up the guestlist without making more enemies than absolutely necessary. On that point they might get some useful advice from the pioneers in Jerusalem.

roads and a simultaneous escalation in population. More vehicles plus more people could be expected to result in more accidents.

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Before the creation in 1981 of the RSA, he says, most newspapers gave only a few lines of coverage to traffic accidents. "Now you see accidents prominently featured on the front page."

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There are any number of reasons for the improvement. These include a greater use of seat belts; proper lighting of side streets; restructuring of dangerous intersections; introduction of highway bumps to slow down speeding drivers; more vigilance by traffic police; immediate suspension of licences of traffic offenders; more clearly marked pedestrian crossings; the adding of more traffic lanes to major highways and the introduction of special bicycle lanes.

The list of projects initiated or recommended by the RSA gets longer and longer, but Amirav offers other reasons for the drop in traffic accident statistics.

He gives priority to the attitude of drivers. In the 1970s, he explains, the second generation of Israeli drivers hit the road. Second generation drivers are problematic, because they very often grew up without access to a car. Their fathers were

middle-aged when they began to drive.

The 1980s have produced the third-generation driver, who is "born with mechanical skills." This driver has been travelling in cars as long as he can remember, and is familiar with the roads.

In 1973, notes Amirav, there was one car to every four families. By 1983, there were three cars to every four families, and the number of drivers had grown from 593,000 to 1.2 million.

The general public may look on younger drivers as reckless, but Amirav argues that they often drive better and with greater responsibility than their parents.

Although drivers are usually blamed for accidents, pedestrians, according to Amirav, are more often the cause, especially children.

Amirav is aware that the child casualty statistic cannot be eliminated - but he feels it can be reduced, with more emphasis on road safety in schools. Special safety kits have been designed for children from kindergarten to matriculation ages, and 600,000 youngsters are involved in nationwide road safety programmes.

Much more can be done to prepare the infrastructure and keep the public alert to highway hazards, but it takes a great deal of money to do everything Amirav would like. His budget has increased from \$15 million in 1981 to \$30 million for fiscal 1984/5. Amirav wants to raise the budget to \$80 million, and he's not prepared to listen to excuses from the Treasury.

"Human lives are our most precious resource. No investment is too high to save them."

## A brake on the road toll

By GREER FAY CASHMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE FREQUENCY and volume of media exposure given to road accidents would suggest that they are on the rise. But according to Moshe Amirav, director general of the Road Safety Administration, 1984 statistics show something like a five per cent decline compared to 1983.

Since there are still a few days left to the end of the calendar year, Amirav refuses to be pinned down on absolute figures. Barring any major calamity between now and midnight on December 31, he expects

casualties to be in the realm of 19,000, with fatalities slightly in excess of 400.

Although they are disturbingly high for a country with a population the size of Israel's, these totals reflect a positive trend compared to the 1970s. From 1975 onwards, the worst year for accidents was 1978 - that year there were 16,695 accidents, resulting in 24,044 casualties

and 619 fatalities. Although there were less accidents in 1975, the death toll was 648.

None of the 1980s figures have reached the horrendous levels of the second half of the last decade. This would be commendable in any case, but it is far more so, taking into account that over the past five years there has been a 40 per cent increase in the number of vehicles on the

roads and a simultaneous escalation in population. More vehicles plus more people could be expected to result in more accidents.

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SIMCHA DINITZ is young for a veteran. He retired from the civil service in 1979 at the age of 50 because he had reached the highest positions (director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, ambassador in Washington). He was appointed vice president of the Hebrew University and this year entered the Knesset as a Labour member.

He had started his previous career in the foreign service — at the very beginning as night-watchman in the Washington Embassy (which he was one day to head). At that time, he was studying at Georgetown University and needed a part-time job.

In due course he entered the Foreign Ministry and was saddled modestly with the Portuguese desk — which included Brazil — in the information department.

"But I don't speak Portuguese," he pointed out to his departmental head, the late Harry Levin.

"Nor does anyone else," growled Levin.

Before long, Dinitz was promoted and became political secretary to director-general Haim Yabli. When Golda Meir became prime minister, she asked Dinitz to be her political secretary.

"I didn't want to," he says. "I was frightened of her." Nevertheless he was ushered into her presence.

Golda: "Do you want this job?"

Dinitz: "No, I don't."

Golda: "That makes two of us."

She was sorry, she said, to have left the Labour Ministry, where she had built roads and houses and vocational training centres. Now she had to push papers around. Dinitz nodded his sympathy and went back to Yabli's office confident that he wouldn't be moved. Instructions soon reached him to start work with Golda on the first of the month.

"I reported on the appointed day at 8 a.m. sharp, and at 8.15 the phone rang. It was Yitzhak Navon, Ben-Gurion's assistant: 'Congratulations on your appointment. Will you please tell Golda that B-G is submitting his resignation as prime minister to the cabinet this morning.'"

"My first task was to convey to my new boss that explosive piece of news. Golda looked at me as if she couldn't remember who I was."

"What?" she cried, picked up her bag and walked out. "Shall I follow her?" I asked Lou Kedar, her personal secretary. "Stay right where you are," she advised.

"During my three years as Golda's assistant, I got to know her better and they were three fascinating years." By then, though, Dinitz was due for a foreign posting. Golda suggested that he be minister in Bonn. "I told her that I wouldn't feel comfortable in Germany and didn't think I would do the job well."

Golda: "Do you think that I would send out a man who does feel comfortable in Germany?"

DINITZ WOUND UP as minister in Rome. One of the first assignments was to call on the Italian foreign trade minister, who was due to visit Israel and spoke only Italian.

Dinitz travelled in the car of the ambassador (who was on leave) so was able to cross-question the chauffeur, Filippo, about Italian phrases that might come in useful. He was lucky with the phrases.

The Italian minister: "Your Italian is good. Who taught you?"

Dinitz: "Filippo."

The Italian minister: "Filippo? An excellent instructor."

To this day, Dinitz has no idea which Filippo the Italian minister had in mind.

Dinitz in the Quirinale, the president's official residence, had to be attended in white tie and tails.

Simcha Dinitz used to hire the necessary jacket from a tailor in the Via Nazionale, until it occurred to him that it might be cheaper to buy one. He consulted the tailor, who advised against.

Dinitz: "Why?"

The tailor: "You'll only be invited to the Quirinale once more this year, so it isn't worth your while."

Dinitz: "How do you know?"

The tailor: "Because Abdul Nasser will be the guest of honour in June, and you won't be invited to that."

Startled by that fortuitous piece of information, Dinitz asked the head of the Middle East desk, Count Murari, about it at their next meeting.



Simcha Dinitz (right) at the White House with (from left) Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir, President Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger... 'The German foreign minister didn't turn up to my bar mitzva.'

# Watchman in Washington

ing, Murari denied the report. Dinitz insisted. The Italian checked and denied it again. There was talk of a visit in return for Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani's recent trip to Cairo, but no more than that.

"I said, 'Nonsense, he's coming and I'll give you the exact date.' Murari wanted to know the source of my information. I wouldn't tell him."

"His next phone-call to me was agitated, he suggested that we meet in a neutral place. We agreed on a cafe. He confided in me that my information was correct but that it was a secret — only three men knew about it: the president, the prime minister and the foreign minister. Fanfani was furious that I knew — who had told me?"

Dinitz: "If Fanfani kept his secret, it can't be anyone in the Foreign Ministry, can it?"

Murari: "Then it must be someone in the Prime Minister's Office."

Dinitz: "It wasn't anyone in the Prime Minister's Office either."

Murari (excited): "Then it's clear, it must be the Quirinale, they are always indiscreet!"

The name of the tailor was never divulged. The secret remains locked in Dinitz's breast.

In fact, Nasser's visit never materialized because in that month of June the Six Day War broke out.

The moral of the tale, Dinitz declares, is that important information may be gleaned in the most unlikely places. Sticking to official sources is not enough, diplomats have to keep their eyes and ears open wherever they are.

THE MONTH BEFORE, Nasser started concentrating his forces in Sinai. His troops marched through the streets of Cairo in the full glare of publicity. The Israeli authorities thought at first that it could only be a training exercise, and the embassy was told to transmit that conclusion to the Italians.

"I wasn't sure that our people had got it right," says Dinitz. "I told Murari what I had been told to say, but added as a rider a Yiddish story. It's about a Jew in a train in Czarist Russia who was asked by a policeman where he was going. The Jew thought to himself: 'If I say Pinsk, he'll arrest me for military service when I get there. So I'd better say I'm going to Minsk. But if I say I'm going to Minsk, he'll think that I'm lying and will wait for me in Pinsk. So I'd better say Pinsk after all, and as he's sure I'm lying he'll wait for me in Minsk and so I'll escape from his clutches.'"

"Murari understood my point that Nasser might be doing a double bluff. It would be normal to move troops up for an attack in secrecy under cover of darkness. Egypt's open display of forces marching towards Sinai might be designed to make us think that these were only maneuvers, though in fact he did intend to attack."

"Indeed, attacking us was his purpose. Three weeks after what developed into the Six Day War, I met Murari again and, discussing the

## DIPLOMATIC ENCOUNTERS



Behind the headline-making activities of Israel's foreign representatives is a rich web of informal human contacts. Though often unreported, these contacts can shed new light on how international relations are forged. In this article, the first in a series, *The Post's* David Krivine meets Israel's former ambassador to Washington, Simcha Dinitz (left).

events, observed that all intelligence services in the world had been led astray about Nasser's plan.

Murari: "Except yours."

Dinitz: "We were deceived too."

Murari: "Oh no, you weren't. Do you think I've forgotten your Minsky-Pinsky story?"

IN 1968, Dinitz became minister in charge of information at the Washington Embassy. In the following year, Levi Eshkol died and Golda Meir became prime minister.

"I got a letter from Lou Kedar saying that Golda was managing very well, but Lou thought that she missed me in the office. It emerged that Golda wanted me to be her political secretary again, this time in the Prime Minister's bureau."

"But as I was still fresh in Washington with my children starting school there, she thought I might not want to make a change so soon. She knew that if she wrote to me offering the job, I would see it as a command and accept, so she preferred to probe my reaction through her secretary."

"People don't know that side of her personality. I wrote back saying that if Golda wanted me, I would be back in 48 hours. She was a profoundly humane person."

"But she didn't yield to sentimentalities. When I returned to Israel and called at her rented flat in Beit Hakrem, her first remark was: 'Don't think you're that good. It's just that I'm too old to change.'"

Ya'acov Herzog was director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. When he died, Dinitz succeeded him in that post. He accompanied Golda on her next trip to the U.S. where she held talks with Henry Kissinger, then head of the National Security Council.

They were interrupted for a dinner in Golda's honour at the White House, after which the talks were to be resumed. The dinner was followed by a musical interlude and then by dancing. Golda had withdrawn to Blair House and was waiting for Kissinger, who didn't show up. She sent Dinitz to find out what had happened.

"I discovered Kissinger dancing on the ballroom floor," said Dinitz. "I waited till the end of the number and approached him. I hate to interrupt," he said, "but there is another lady waiting for you in Blair House."

"Kissinger looked confused but walked off the floor straightaway with me. He explained on the way that he was a bachelor, and since achieving high office had suddenly become exceedingly popular with the ladies."

"I must take advantage of this lucky break," he confided.

In 1973, Golda appointed Dinitz ambassador in Washington, a post he held for six years. It was an eventful time. He dealt with three presidents — Nixon, Ford and Carter — and served under three prime ministers — Golda, Rabin and Begin.

DINITZ IS CURRENTLY dictating into a tape-recorder a blow-by-blow account of those six years for the Leonard Davis Institute of International Relations at the Hebrew University. It is a frank account, replete with confidential material. It will be kept sealed for 25 years and will not be released till then.

"But out of that material, I'm putting together a book for publication immediately, the question is what to call it. I took over in Washington just before the Yom Kippur War and left just after peace had been concluded at Camp David. So I would like to call my book, 'War and Peace' — except," he grins, "that I believe someone else has stolen the title."

Dinitz got to know Kissinger well and built up a friendly relationship with him. They needed a close day-by-day contact, and Dinitz continued the private meetings that had been started when Rabin was ambassador.

"I would enter the White House in a semi-clandestine way through the East Wing. A young, senior army officer would meet me and escort me to the Map Room. Kissinger would rejoin us there. The officer sometimes stayed during the conversations. At the end, he would escort me back to the East Wing, where he bade me farewell."

"I got to like that army officer and developed a great esteem for him. His name was Alexander Haig."

KISSINGER WAS a man of vast ability and had a remarkable sense of humour. He was American in his loyalties and his policies were not always to Israel's liking, but "he was very Jewish," according to Dinitz. The wry humour common to both men helped develop an easy bantering association between them.

"I would call him before every major Jewish festival and remind him to wish his parents a *gut yom-tov*. They were orthodox."

"When his father died, Kissinger suggested I call on his mother, which I did. They lived in a typical German-Jewish home, with heavy furniture and a velvet couch. On a small table by the armchair, I saw a book of *Tehilim* (Psalms). She told me that her husband used to read a chapter — in Hebrew — every night."

Kissinger was familiar with Jewish traditions, but not to the point of expertise. "During the Yom Kippur



Kissinger: "Well for one thing, the German foreign minister didn't turn up to my bar mitzva."

IN 1975, talks over the proposed interim agreement with Egypt were stuck. The Israelis would not withdraw as required in Sinai because they could not bring themselves to give up the crucial Mitla and Gidi passes. Kissinger was angry with what he viewed as Israeli intransigence. There was talk of an American re-assessment of the situation.

Yitzhak Rabin, then prime minister, called Dinitz with a new set of proposals designed to break the logjam. If it could be agreed that the U.S. Army should set up monitoring stations at the two passes, a withdrawal might be possible. Dinitz was asked to float this idea at an urgent confidential meeting with the secretary of state.

It happened that the secretary of state was on vacation at an undisclosed place. Dinitz called Lawrence Eagleburger of the State Department, pointing out that the matter was of the highest importance. An answer came back within an hour:

"Be at Andrews Air Force base tomorrow morning, we shall travel in the presidential plane, which will be unmarked for security reasons." Eagleburger added with a shake of the head: "Your proposals had better be good ones, Simcha."

They proceeded — Eagleburger and Dinitz alone in the big aircraft — to one of the Virgin Islands. A coastguard boat took them to another, smaller island, St. Thomas, where a car awaited them at the marina. They reached Kissinger's retreat at sunset, where he and his wife Nancy greeted them.

"Our discussion lasted all night," says Dinitz. "After a couple of hours' sleep, Eagleburger and I took our leave. But we had a problem with take-off. The runway was so short that the plane had to reduce its weight by jettisoning nearly all its fuel. It kept just enough for the four-minute flight to the Isle of St. Croix, where a longer runway was available."

"We sat in the plane at St. Croix and waited. Forty-five minutes elapsed and nothing happened. Eagle-

burger went to investigate, and found there was a hold-up in the refuelling. The supplier would not accept the pilot's credit card. I can't take a chance on such a large sum," he was pointing out. "Either you tell me who owns this kite, or you pay me in cash."

"Well, we didn't have that amount of cash with us. Eagleburger rang Brigadier-General Brent Scowcroft at the White House. Could the plane's identity be revealed? Certainly not. So what to do?"

"Scowcroft had an idea. There was an American military base nearby. He called the base. Before long, a convoy of jeeps and armoured cars arrived, escorting a giant fuel truck, to provide our needs."

"The airport fuel vendor stood agape, totally bewildered at this armed incursion into his diminutive domain."

"Back in the air, I said to Eagleburger, 'I'm not sure that a country which can't fuel its own presidential plane should be made responsible for our security at the Mitla and Gidi passes.'"

BANTER WAS EASY with the Americans. Besides there were lessons to be learnt. When Moshe Arens was appointed ambassador to the U.S., Sam Lewis, U.S. ambassador in Israel, held a dinner in his honour, and asked Arens' predecessors at the post to give their successors some useful advice.

Says Dinitz: "My advice was to be sure to always keep a gasoline credit card with him."

HE IS REPLETE with stories, especially about Kissinger. "During the Yom Kippur War, we kept presenting demands for more arms. Once Kissinger said, how come you make demands and not requests, like other ambassadors?"

Dinitz: "I get my instructions in Hebrew, and Hebrew is the language of the Ten Commandments — not the Ten Requests."

Kissinger: "The trouble with you is that you think you are Moses."

Dinitz: "And the trouble with you is that you think you're God."

These light exchanges relieved tension. But the exchanges were not always light. "Once, in 1973, when Golda was in Washington and Kissinger was applying hard pressure to make Israel release the beleaguered Egyptian Third Army, we were to resume discussions the next morning at 10 o'clock."

"At 9 o'clock Kissinger called me. He said the previous day's talks had been terrible and had got nowhere. He was afraid that they would go on getting nowhere. Why don't I suggest that Golda appoint someone to deputize for her and Kissinger would do the same, in the hope that with a fresh start the discussions might make headway?"

"I didn't think that Golda's reaction would be favourable, and tried to dissuade him. He insisted, so I passed the message on to her. She was furious: 'Call Henry up and tell him that I decide who shall represent Israel and the representative is me. If he wants to appoint someone else to represent the U.S., it's up to him. And Simcha,' she added with an icy look, 'you make the call from here.'"

"Within half-an-hour Kissinger and Golda resumed their talks — and found a solution."

"Golda always saw Israel as a full-sized sovereign state, not a satellite of the U.S.," says Dinitz. "She would not compromise on that. And Kissinger understood."

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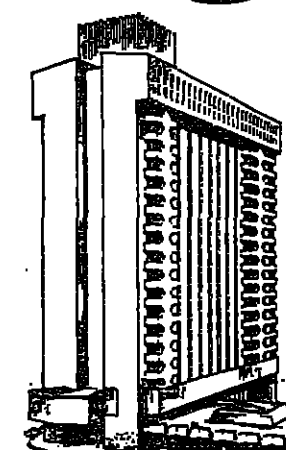
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HERUT MK Gideon Gadot has mixed feelings about the national unity government as it enters 1985. He feels somewhat let down by its performance so far. And in expressing this sense of disappointment, he believes that he reflects the opinions of most Israelis.

"People wanted to see the crystallization of a great force that could ignore the blackmail of the smaller parties and re-arrange the national agenda," he declares.

In particular, he regrets that the major parties failed to set up a national unity government without making commitments to their small, religious affiliates. But he is relieved that the government has at least survived so far. "The verdict of the electorate left us with no alternative."

Much of Gadot's sense of disappointment derives from his view that the government has not risen to the public's high expectations; that it has allowed itself to become bogged down in trivialities rather than tackling the country's burning problems vigorously and with a sense of urgency. "We see one compromise after another because it serves the purposes of this or that party rather than the national interest," he complains.

"When the government was formed, the people were imbued with a readiness to do something extraordinary to extricate the country from the present crisis. Today, the willingness still exists, but the headiness has evaporated. People are ready for the same sacrifices, but now it is out of a sense of fatalism."

GADOT, considered to be one of Herut's coming men, speaks approvingly of Peres's team of bright young aides, "who know so well how to organize his nationwide build-up and his visits at home and abroad."

At the same time, he is most unhappy about the divisive state of the Likud, and of his own Herut Party. Its internal wranglings have given the Labour Party a distinct advantage, which is why he regards as so urgent the drive to consolidate all the components of the Likud into a single party. In particular, he fears that the Likud's internal disunity may surface in the cabinet room.

He feels especially strongly about Herut's coalition partner. "They gave an assurance at the elections that they had an economic plan ready. Well, I'd like to know whose policies are we now following? Those of Peres, of Gad Ya'acobi or of Yitzhak Moda'i? I'm beginning to wonder whether they meant to adopt Yoram Aridor's notions from the beginning."

"They promised the voters that

## Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to Gideon Gadot (below)

# 'We must use Jewish brainpower properly'



(David Suss)

the IDF would be removed from Lebanon. Who do we believe today - Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, who favour pulling out quickly, or Motta Gur, who is against?"

Gadot bridges at what he perceives as Labour's taunting of the Likud over the question of unemployment: "How they mocked us when we used to explain why we devoted so much effort to prevent unemployment. Today, they no longer talk of marginal unemployment. Today, we're facing a national crisis."

Not that Gadot denies the Likud's responsibility for the present economic crisis: "But I would like to emphasize that if you seek to prevent unemployment you have to pay a price for it. On the other hand, if harsh measures are regarded as essential, then the public deserves to be told the truth. There should be no window dressing, no double-talk."

As a member of the Knesset Finance Committee, Gadot has been

promoting his New National Agenda, at the top of which would be a crash campaign in vocational re-training of the unemployed and of under-employed public officials.

"The national unity government must use its overwhelming parliamentary majority to get through necessary legislation as part of far-reaching economic reforms. We cannot have a situation where workers in the productive sector earn less than bank clerks."

"True, that requires a shift in social norms and attitudes to work, but it can be done. The government, the trade unions and the employers must get together to ensure that we move into a phase of economic growth."

"We must emulate Japan, where a population of 100 million, crowded into 15 per cent of its territory, has created an economic power through hard work and advanced industry."

"Most of our country is desert and

we must use Jewish brainpower properly."

Gadot believes each industry should have its own re-training centre. And he advocates coercive measures to ensure workers are appropriately placed. For example, he says, demobilized soldiers should undergo aptitude tests, on the basis of these they should be directed to jobs. Anyone refusing to take such a test, he says, should be denied unemployment pay.

Gadot does not sound like a populist when he declares: "It would cost the country much less to pay a monthly wage to under-employed civil servants, municipal employees and Jewish Agency officials while they learn a productive skill than the present costly and anomalous situation."

Moreover, he is ready to tackle time-honoured protective employment practices, and he would like to see legislation that would abolish the

existing "last-in, first-out" custom.

"I'm convinced that 90 per cent of the public today would approve of doing away with automatic work promotion - it discourages merit and hard work and encourages laziness," he declares.

One of the most outrageous examples of feather-bedding he sees in the public sector concerns the Israel Electric Corporation, "where every two years all employees are promoted, whether or not they are good at their jobs. When I asked what happens when they hit the top grade, I was told, 'That's no problem, we raise the grade ceiling every two years.' And that is in addition to the \$9 million worth of free electricity which the corporation employees receive."

"Now we learn that 10 per cent of the staff consume more than \$100 worth of electricity a month. That seems really fishy to me, especially when the corporation's own statistics

show that the average household consumes about \$15 worth of electricity a month."

Gadot, along with other members of the finance committee, plans to end this situation. How can he achieve this? "We can refuse to sanction the Energy Ministry's request for increased electricity rates," he says cheerfully.

THE 43-YEAR-OLD Herutnik divides his week between his parliamentary duties and his job as chairman of Mifal Hapayis, the state lottery.

As a new MK, he is somewhat disillusioned by the Knesset - the gap between the dream and the reality has proved too much for him. "I do admit that I've been disappointed. You ask whether a coalition MK has any influence. I'll tell you: very little."

The existence of the grand coalition leaves little margin for initiative to an MK of its component parts.

A damper has been put on all the old struggles between the two big blocs. In a nutshell, it's difficult for parliament to operate in a situation where there are more cabinet ministers than opposition MKs.

He does not believe that the democratic system has been injured, but the Knesset, its standing and its effectiveness certainly have.

The discipline imposed by the wall-to-wall coalition, he says, also impairs the clout of the Knesset Finance Committee.

Gadot's special position in his party is, in part, a function of his failure to become involved in its constituent factions. And as the nephew of the late Arye Ben-Eliezer, Menachem Begin's lieutenant in the IZL and the party, he was brought up in the very heart of the old "fighting family."

HAVING MADE his name as an information whiz-kid in election campaigns, he began to build up his own power base after his publicized break with then-finance minister Yoram Aridor, his erstwhile patron. Gadot's high standing in Herut was reflected by his surprise emergence among the second-rank leadership in the party's central committee vote for the Knesset candidates. He even preceded Transport Minister, Haim Corfu, who enjoyed the backing of Shamir's faction.

Gadot is concerned about Herut's internal machinations: "My only prayer is that it should not deteriorate into a factional conglomerate where political expediency takes priority over the movement's platform."

The only solution to the party's internal problems, he says, is to hold

the internal elections and the national convention as soon as possible, possibly in October, after the Histadrut elections.

Gadot's close relationship with the party founders affords him the prerogative to speak of Menachem Begin as few other Herutniks dare. And Gadot is not hesitant in exercising that prerogative. He places the blame squarely on the former prime minister for the current divided state of Herut - "firstly, because he quit. And secondly, because he did not prepare anyone to replace him."

Internal Herut friction has reached a peak over the choice of a deputy defence minister, with Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir so far failing to secure the job for his nominee Michael Dekel.

Is this an indication of Shamir's leadership qualities? "It indicates a lack of leadership and an absence of an overall view on his part. But I would like to go on record with my praise of Dekel's loyalty as a party man and his success as deputy agriculture minister."

"But most of our Knesset faction (13 out of 25) consider Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar to be more suited to be deputy defence minister. That does not mean that we disqualify Dekel, but that we think Ben-Elissar is preferable."

"I would hope that the vice premier will know how to rise above factional considerations. The bitterness and strife he has caused in this matter are quite unnecessary."

WHAT GADOT finds particularly irritating is the Shamir faction's argument that those seeking a party central committee vote on the portfolio are harming the movement's unity. "They seek to further factional interests under the cover of protecting party unity."

Is the party's No. 1 on Gadot's list also the party leader? "I agree with our No. 1's repeated statement that our leader remains Menachem Begin," says Gadot.

On the future of Likud, Gadot feels that the only way the party can remain a significant political force that can challenge the Labour bloc is for Herut, Liberals and La'am to merge into a single united party. And he hopes that the Liberals will soon form their team to conduct merger negotiations with Herut in order to expedite the process of unity.

Finally, what are the survival prospects for the national unity government? "As chairman of the state lottery, I can tell you that I am not a gambling man. Will it survive its projected four years? All I can say is that its chances are not poor."

STAGE AFTER stage the drama evolves, with great suspense and mounting tension. In what is described as one of the most beautiful stories in world literature, Joseph makes himself known to his brothers.

The biblical account (Gen. 45:1-2) runs thus: "Joseph could no longer restrain himself in front of all the bystanders, he called out, 'Make every one withdraw!' And no one was present when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he burst out crying."

When the moment of truth came, when Joseph could no longer control his emotions and the time had come to settle his long outstanding accounts with his brothers, the order was, "Make every one withdraw." It was one of those moments when no outsider should be present, when deep feelings should be confined to the inner circle of the close family. Only there may one voice the grievances that demand expression.



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There may, indeed, be actual accusations, and old feuds may be recalled - but they should not be heard by the outside world.

Not only will an outsider not understand fully what is happening, but he may derive malicious satisfaction from it subsequently, or pick up the weak points exposed during the in-fighting. Joseph understood well that no one must be present when he encountered his brothers.

A SIMILAR trait was to be demonstrated later on, in the life of another biblical figure who was destined to become the leader of his people. When the baby Moses is put into a basket of papyrus reeds and sent off to float down the river, Pharaoh's daughter finds the cradle among the reeds on the banks of the Reed Sea (not Red, as it became known erroneously), and on opening it, "she saw the child - it was a boy - crying. She pitied him saying: 'It is one of the Hebrews' children' (Ex. 2:2-6).

If the boy she found was crying, one of the rabbis asks, why are we told that she "saw" the boy crying, and not, as it should be, that she "heard" a boy crying?

Moreover, what made her decide on the spot that the foundling was one of the Hebrews' children?

The answer is that when the daughter of Pharaoh "saw" that the boy was crying with such self-control that she could not hear anything, she immediately assumed that this must be "one of the Hebrews' children." Only such a child would manage to cry inwardly, so that no one outside could hear him. A child of the Hebrews would know, as Joseph knew earlier, that he must cry among his own kin, while putting up a front as far as the outside world is concerned.

THE RABBIS in the Midrash further debate Joseph's wisdom in ordering everyone to withdraw at the moment of his meeting with his brothers. Should he not have been afraid that his brothers in their rage, not knowing that he was Joseph, their lost brother, might kill him since his bodyguards had been withdrawn?

Says one rabbi: Joseph is to be criticized for his action. It was unwise of him to take unnecessary risks. Another, however, says that Joseph is to be praised for his action, because of the courage he demonstrated. In his desire to save his brothers from embarrassment in front of strangers, he went as far as to jeopardize his own life. A third rabbi says Joseph was wise enough to

assess the situation correctly, and to come to the conclusion that there was no real risk in doing what he did.

While it was true that his brothers did not know Joseph's real identity at that moment, he knew who they were and that they would not under any circumstances slyly kill an unguarded man. He thus relied on his brothers' basic integrity, in which he believed despite his bitter experience of their behaviour to him.

FOLLOWING the emotionally charged encounter, Joseph bids farewell to his brothers who are going back to Canaan to tell Jacob the good news and bring him back with them to Egypt. He cautions his brothers with one sentence: "Do not quarrel on the way." (Gen. 45:24).

We understand that warning, if its proper context, to mean that he was afraid that they might start reproaching each other for what had happened, and he warned them against this. But some Tora commentators see it as a warning of a different kind, with Joseph cautioning his brothers not to quarrel with other people they might meet on the way.

Now that they were returning to Canaan as the brothers of Joseph the powerful ruler of Egypt, he was afraid that they might feel and act

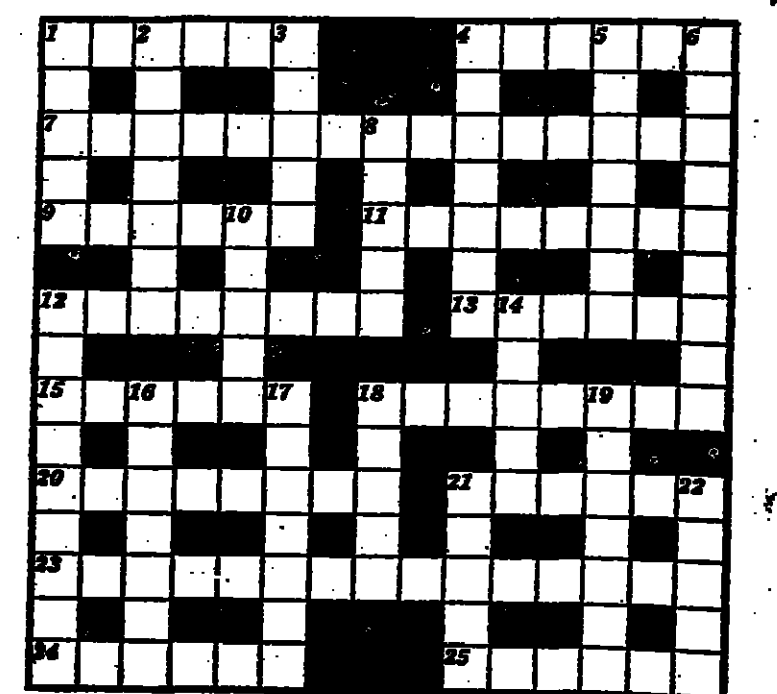
superior to the people they would encounter on their way and act accordingly. He therefore found it necessary to warn them against getting themselves into trouble out of a newly-acquired overweening sense of power.

The rabbis in the Talmud offer an altogether different interpretation of those parting words: "Do not quar-

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- ACROSS**
- Understand it's how people form a crowd (6)
  - Through, we hear, after preparing green dish (6)
  - Sit in judgment on others? Yes - comfortably, too! (8, 7)
  - Underground fighters here? (6)
  - Animal to be tried by this court? It's unlawful (8)
  - Commonly, means lots of savage punishments (8)
  - The rest going on horseback (6)
  - Just deserts, perhaps (6)
  - Witches' attempt to build a city (8)
  - Join in this service! (8)
  - Dress. Tear it to pieces (6)
  - Sounds boiling hot! (9, 6)
  - They may spot sick people (6)
  - We want it to be lethargic (6)

- DOWN**
- American general to concede? But he didn't (5)
  - Parts of old ship trunks, maybe! (7)
  - Arrive at a straight part of the river (5)
  - Those who run country seats for them (7)
  - Being excited, got out of bed (7)
  - It's never been known before, a person making one (9)
  - Dissolute chaps, port cabre, kestral and crocodile (5)
  - Concealed oneself in Church, so got rebuke (5)
  - Even blades object to using this device! (4-5)
  - A small chap, this middleman (5)
  - How cook gets out water music (7)
  - Mounts guard over them, as it were? (7)
  - A number not fat or dirty (5)
  - Cheat, and stew it, right? Wrong! (7)
  - Stormy northern lake comes over our foot (5)
  - Rising in fury, men eliminate the foe (5)



- 'Quickie'**
- ACROSS**
- Used in Scottish sports (6)
  - Timepieces (6)
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  - Swallows liquid (6)
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  - Movements in water, etc. (8)
  - Medical man (6)
  - Say from memory (6)
  - Devices for squirting (8)
  - A work superintendant (8)
  - Give an official account (6)
  - Phrase for "very ancient" (2, 3, 2, 3, 5)
  - Trifling talk (6)
  - Moves smoothly along (6)
- DOWN**
- Ancient god (5)
  - A blockage to progress (7)
  - Worn on the foot (5)
  - Removed dirt from (7)
  - One in prison (7)
  - They guard animals (8)
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Ford 1210, 80, insulated body, good condition. 02-778327.

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Minibus caravan, 1984, luxurious, air conditioner, stereo, 24,000 km. 02-2291, 02-34711, on Shabbat.

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Peugeot 404, 1979, general overhaul, standard box. 794034.

#### RENAULT

Renault 4, 1983, closed, 02-62831, work. 02-41093, Saturday.  
Mac P-400, spray, for transport, with equipment. 02-90220.  
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Susita, 1973, closed box, year test. 80,000 km. 02-557878.  
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127, 1979, second owner, good condition. radio. 02-51206.

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850, 1986, well kept, year test. 02-83500, 02-21235.  
Fiat 131, 1979, Supermirafiori, automatic, air conditioner. 63,000 km. 02-778327.

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127, 1974, well kept, alarm, new tyres, for serious. 02-881763.  
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1980, 1800, automatic, absolutely new, for serious. 8,500 km. 02-420001.  
1983, 1300, automatic, absolutely new, for serious. 8,500 km. 02-420001.

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Cortina GL, 1982, 1600, excellent, 44,000 + extras. 02-809653.  
Erich, 1983, 1300, one owner, 40,000, beautiful + radiotape. 793052.

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Sierra 1300, 1983, excellent. 02-98871, work. 02-97190, home.  
Capri, 1973, automatic, excellent. 02-971201-3, work. Av. 1.

#### ERICA

Erica 1300, 83, one owner, silver metallic, test. 18,000 km., radiotape. 02-47139.  
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#### FIAT

Fiata 1600, 1982, good. From Sunday. 02-622776, Shabbat.  
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#### FORD

Ford Capri, 1970, 1600, automatic, excellent condition. 067-40733.  
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Ford Fiesta, 1978, second owner, good condition. 02-943628.  
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## Golan Heights wine delights

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
A new Israeli white wine, the pignone blanc of Yarden Wineries, he Golan Heights, recently ended a rave review in the wine columns of the Los Angeles Times. This was reported yesterday at a conference at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, announcing the release of the new wine. The pignone blanc, which is produced almost entirely for export, is sold exclusively in the hotel, according to an agreement signed at press conference by winery head Yehoshua Werber, and Yosef Kravitz, assistant general manager of the hotel in the Los Angeles Times article.

published on December 6, the writer states that the Yarden Sauvignon blanc "can take its place alongside some of the best of the variety from California and France... There is virtually no trace of the heavy, lackluster tastes associated with wines from some of Israel's hot and arid growing regions."  
In addition to the white wine, the winery is also in the process of producing a Cabernet Sauvignon, which should reach the market within a few months. Werber reported that the white wine has had a good response in the U.S., where the bulk of the production is to be sold.  
The wine is certified as kosher by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in the U.S.

## Limassol-Haifa line to open

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
A daily passenger service is to be opened between Israel and Cyprus, prior shipping magnate Takis Omonides told Tourism Ministry Secretary-General Rafael Farber this week.  
Omonides said that he intends to take advantage of the tourist

potential in both countries to organize package tours which include both. To facilitate this, he said, the Sol Lines, which he owns, will run a daily service between Haifa and Limassol.  
Farber promised to do his best to arrange for the opening of courses for Greek-speaking guides.



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## Dollar climbs to 10-week high

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar climbed to its highest levels in 10 weeks, buoyed by expectations that America's cooling economy will grow strongly again early next year and that U.S. interest rates will stay relatively high.  
The dollar, which appears to have shrugged off any negative effects from last Friday's half-point cut in the U.S. discount rate to eight per cent, was trading in London at 3.1435 marks, up 2.20 pennings from its finish here on Monday.  
It is now once again within sight of its all-time high of 3.1765 marks, reached on September 21. It was fixed earlier in Frankfurt at 3.1375 marks, its highest fix since October 17.  
Dealers said there is still no reason to sell dollars, since a resurgence of U.S. economic growth is expected early next year, and Washington's need to meet a record budget deficit is likely to keep U.S. interest rates firm. But dealers said a quiet market between the Christmas and New Year holidays was helping to exaggerate currency movements.  
Sterling slid to \$1.1670, from

\$1.1755 on Monday, undermined by talk of an oil price war if Opec ministers meeting in Geneva fail to reach an agreement to defend sagging prices.  
Britain is one of the world's major oil producers, but its North Sea crude oil is changing hands on the free market at well below official prices.  
Sterling also suffered against other currencies as the sterling exchange rate index - a measure of the British currency's international value - fell to 73.3 per cent of its 1975 close, down from 73.6 at Monday's close.  
Other currencies were lightly traded. The Swiss franc fell to 2.5915 to the dollar from 2.5725 on Monday, the French franc to 9.62 from 9.54 and the yen to 250.00 from 247.95.  
The strong dollar also denied precious metals as silver was fixed yesterday morning at \$6.28, from \$6.41 on Friday. Gold was fixed at \$310.25, down 75 cents from its previous fix last Friday. The bullion price fell to \$309.20 yesterday afternoon.

## GREENS

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In a telegram to Knesset Speaker Shimon Peres, Peled wrote: "The members of the delegation saw this visit as a personal, moral matter, not a strident public-relations exercise. This was exploited by the Foreign Ministry to spread a base lie to incite against the Greens and present them as 'Nazis'."  
At the Foreign Ministry, the six Greens met assistant director-general Yehoshua Anug. But his 75-minute explanation of Israeli-Arab relations did not appear to make much impression on them.  
Escorted by the charge d'affaires at the German Embassy, Franz Sikora, they raised questions on the unflappable Anug, which other officials present described as "betraying their prejudices."  
"Why don't you define your borders?" they asked. "Why don't you cease the occupation of Lebanon?"  
Anug suggested that they "try to free yourselves from preconceptions" and understand that Israel is struggling against a hostile milieu.  
Jurgen Reents, the head of the delegation, said afterwards that the meeting had not removed their "differences of opinion with Israel."  
"There are political principles we support that cannot be changed by any information or impression, because we favour everyone's right to self-determination," he said. Israel should withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza in order that these territories become a Palestinian state. It should define its borders.

"because we think no state has a right to fix its borders militarily."  
Reents complained that Israel is the only country on their four-nation Middle East tour where the delegation has not been able to meet the foreign minister. "Perhaps we are not important enough, or is it because of our political support for the right of the Palestinian people to a state?" he said.  
The delegation, which has also visited Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, protested against Israel's refusal to allow another member of their party, Brigitte Heinrich, to enter the country.  
Heinrich was convicted in Germany of illicit arms dealing, and Israel has accused her of aiding PLO terrorists.  
Anug also dwelled on the "delicacy and complexity" of Israel's relations with Germany. He asked pointedly whether the Greens proposed visiting the Holocaust memorial and was told that they did not.  
Later, emerging from the Foreign Ministry complex, they were asked a similar question by reporters, but they remained evasive.  
In a subsequent briefing to the press, ministry officials stressed this point, which later in the day became the theme of radio news items and reports by the international news agencies.  
The delegation is due to travel to Hebron today via the Deheish refugee camp. They plan to have lunch with the deposed mayor of Hebron Mustafa Natshe.  
On Sunday morning they are scheduled to hold a press conference at Tel Aviv's Beit Sokolov prior to their return to Germany.

## Week ends on upbeat tendency

TEL AVIV - The share market ended the week on a positive note yesterday, as the tendency for price deterioration, noticeable over the preceding two sessions, was replaced by an upward movement. Trading turnovers were very modest and in dollar terms were only slightly over the \$2.5 million mark. However, observers of the local market as well as participants have become used to this low level of trading in recent months.  
Mutual fund managers seem to be in the market with a view to improving their performance for the calendar quarter, which will end on Monday. Massive redemptions of index-linked bonds are taking place these days and a part of these funds is being directed to unit trusts. These trusts, in turn, are in a position of relative affluence. One manager said that his cash position was unusually high and that the yield on short-term money investment was low. This situation was pushing him towards increasing his involvement in the share markets, he explained.  
The buying action by the mutual funds was responsible for the advance of the better-quality shares. Some typical examples were the 1.7 per cent advance by IDB Development, a 3.1 per cent gain by Discount Investments, a 2.4 per cent rise by Clal Industries and a gain of 2.5 per cent by the Dead Sea Works. These shares are generally among institutional favourites, and are to be found in the share section of most mutual fund portfolios.

## MARKET COMMENT

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
Teva Pharmaceuticals, the country's leading drug manufacturer, which most recently reported a sharp advance in sales and profits, saw its shares advance by 3.2 per cent. In the high-technology group of shares Aryat was ahead by a full 10 per cent. The company's products include sophisticated lenses used in laser systems, as well as scanning polygons used in thermal imaging and laser printing. The company is an acknowledged leader in its field.  
"Arrangement" bank shares, which have been in the doldrums for the past week, came through with a relatively impressive performance. Gains ranged up to 10 per cent, as was the case with the Hapolim preferred shares. Others in the group reflected advances of up to 2.7 per cent. In the non-arrangement and bankholding group, the Danot 155 shares came back to life and responded to fairly heavy demands by advancing 9.2 per cent. On balance there was selling pressure on the Danot 151.0 shares, but offers were easily absorbed with the share price remaining unchanged.  
The insurance group was marked by volatile price behaviour, with Yardenia and Aryeh zipping ahead by margins of 10 per cent, while Hassneh and Phoenix ISO.5 were

clipped for losses of 10 per cent each.  
Notable in the computer group was the 26.5 per cent drop in the Ya'anah shares. Recently the shares have been moving on a rollercoaster pattern and yesterday's performance was part of the downward slide.  
The index-linked bond market was ahead in all the various groups of trading.  
The foreign currency-denominated and dollar-linked bonds were unusually strong and reflected an overall 1.37 per cent gain.  
Compared with the more volatile sessions in recent days, only one issue, namely Modul Beton, was established as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. On Sunday these shares will trade without any price restrictions.  
Clal Electronics has filed with the Stock Exchange a draft prospectus for a rights issue for shares and debentures.  
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## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange daily price quotations

Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change
Commercial Banks			Hotels, Tourism			Asaf	59.50	+1.15
Bank Leumi	240.00	+0.50	Hotel Dan	10.00	+0.10	Angel	162.00	-1.10
Bank Hapoalim	240.00	+0.50	Dan Hotel 1	85.00	+0.10	Shemen p	205.00	-1.10
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## After the package deal

THE LATEST news breaking through the battle fog that has been shrouding economic policy for all too long is that the Treasury wants to follow Package Deal I - which has less than another five weeks to run - with a stabilization period of one year.

During that year - which may have successive stages - the present price freeze is to be relaxed to permit prices to rise in line with costs. In addition, the government is to have a free hand to cut subsidies and raise taxes and fees for public services, and wage earners are to be compensated monthly for inflation on condition that they raise no wage demands beyond this cost-of-living compensation.

The idea of a longer stabilization period is to be welcomed as a considerable improvement over a second short-term package deal, for that would be bound to leave again many more loose ends than a longer-term agreement.

In the framework of the present package deal, the government was expected to come up with a longer-term economic policy that might have established those rules of the economic game without which the economy cannot function for long. In these past two months it has also become clear that an economic policy based on agreement with the Histadrut and the employers rather than on unilateral government fiat can also not be formulated in advance and unilaterally. It can only emerge from negotiations that last into the small hours of the night.

Although Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i is reported to have said once again that the government will act unilaterally if his programme is not accepted by the prospective partners, Prime Minister Peres has repeatedly made it clear that he insists on a policy based on consensus. His view is likely to prevail - and the outline of an economic programme will, therefore, emerge only when the negotiations are concluded.

The keystone in the still tentative plan of a year-long stabilization period is Histadrut agreement to keep real wages stable, at a level to be hammered out at the negotiating table.

The present package deal started out with real wages already eroded sharply. Mr. Moda'i said some two weeks ago they were back to the average level of 1982. The acceptance of this wage erosion by the Histadrut has demonstrated that the wage earners are prepared to pay quite a high price for stability. The market conduct of producers, shopkeepers and suppliers of services, who have kept their prices nearly stable during the price freeze even without an army of price inspectors to hover over them, is at least in part a result of the same yearning for stability.

If the government now wants to obtain Histadrut agreement for a longer period of real wage stability, it must abandon the age-old tradition of attempting, time and again, to erode real wages. Experience has shown that this has never worked for long, with over-compensation regularly following short-term cuts in real wages.

The government insists on keeping its hands free to raise taxes, cut subsidies and devalue the currency as it sees fit. All of these imply a cut in real wages, unless compensation for the resulting price increases is to be instantaneous - which would, of course, annul most of their effect.

If that is not to happen, and if the government indeed wants a policy based on an agreement that will hold, it must put all its cards on the table. It must specify in advance by how much, and through what measures, it means to cut wages still further. For any cut in real wages below the agreed level - such as may happen from unanticipated events - full compensation should be assured. The device of linking prices and wages to the exchange rate might speed up the stabilization process, give it credibility and smooth it out. It is, however, no hallowed principle.

The present package deal has succeeded, within the limited scope of its objectives, beyond expectations. It has demonstrated that the government can count on the goodwill and cooperation of a rational public even if it means hardship. For success in the negotiations for the next stage, it is imperative that all three partners, but primarily the government, play their cards straight. Any attempt to keep some aces up the sleeve will be a sure recipe for failure.

# Style and substance

By ERWIN FRENKEL

WITH THE PASSING of the old year there also passes the maidenhood of the Peres government. The period of allowances to enable the new ministers, singly and collectively, to learn their jobs and their problems has ended. In 1985 public judgment will be based strictly on performance.

Because the government was new-headed by Labour - and because it embraced the two major parties, it enjoyed at the outset even more public sympathy than is usual. If that is squandered in performance, judgment will be all the more severe.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has seized on that sympathy as a mandate for a new leadership style. It is the style of conciliation, of dialogue, of consensus. With it he seeks to repair the domestic divisions burnt into the nation under the Likud.

He also aspires to transport his style abroad, to revive the practice of negotiation with neighbours and with friends in Europe and elsewhere where he was alienated by Menachem Begin's bristling style.

The quandary that besets him, however, is whether he can do both. Can he conciliate abroad and still retain Likud support? And if he conciliates at home, will there be anything left to take abroad?

In his early weeks, he has sought to move in both directions. But mostly at the level of tentative gestures. And even gestures have sparked warning shots from Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, as in the case of Taba and renewed talks with

the Egyptians, or the whispered suggestions of a flirtation with Jordan.

THE STRUGGLE for power within Herut increases the drag on the premier. Mr. Shamir is in constant fear of being outflanked by Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon or Deputy Premier David Levy, or a combination of the two. His riposte is to wave the sword of Herut nationalist orthodoxy. And while survival of the government under Mr. Peres is, ironically, the sole guarantee of his own Herut leadership position, Mr. Shamir cannot afford to purchase it at the price of apostasy.

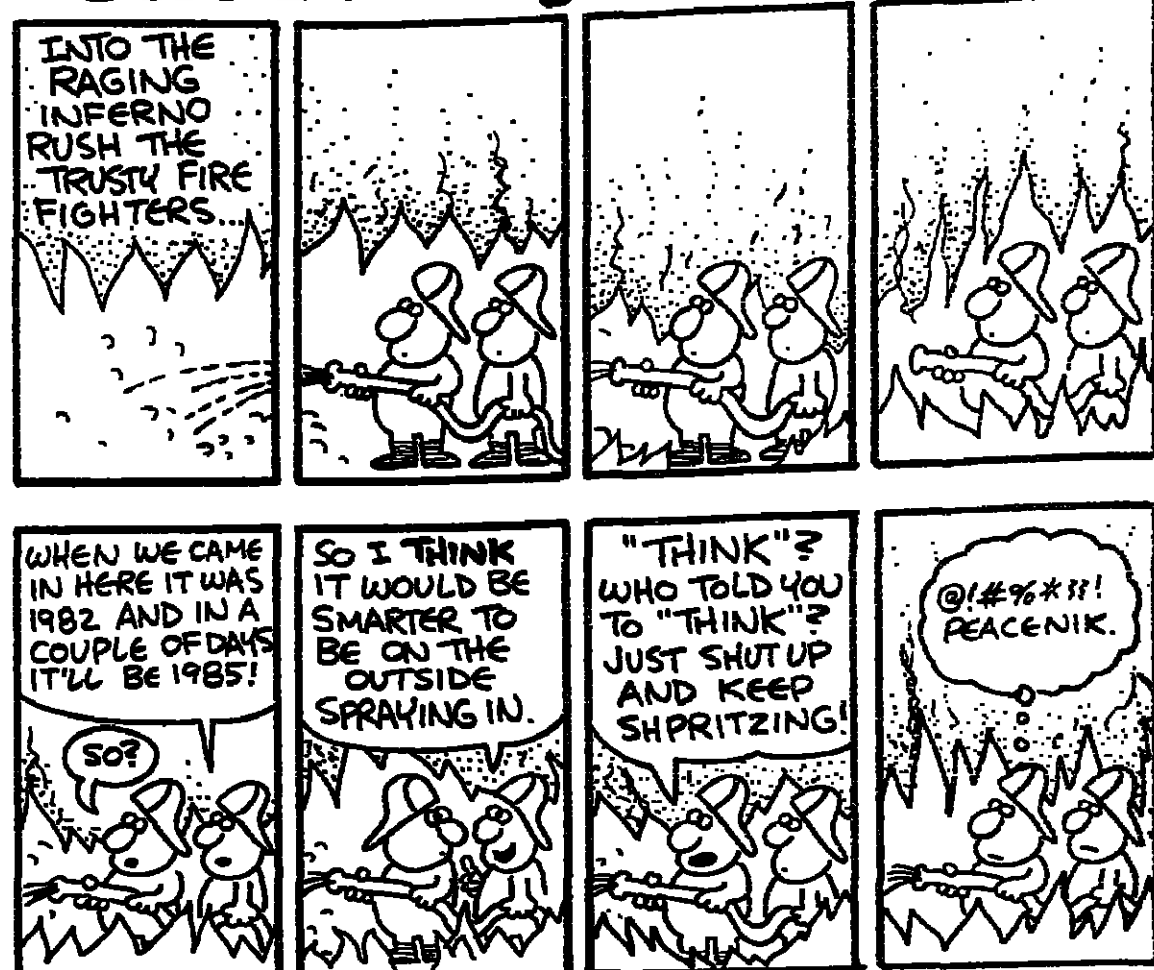
Thus, while domestic conciliation and compromise may be of value in themselves, they could also prove paralyzing for Mr. Peres.

The negotiations with the Lebanese are a case in point. Both Mr. Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin have made it plain, in one form or another, that Israel must extricate itself, and urgently, from the Lebanese sinkhole. But the Herut ministers, and especially Mr. Shamir and Mr. Sharon, do not concede that. Their war cannot have such an ignominious end.

And since the survival of the government can always be made the transcendent priority for transcendent reasons, both Mr. Peres and Mr. Rabin may be emasculated by a Shamir, who is emasculated by a Sharon, the very architect of the war the Labour leaders so sternly denounced.

The same logic of the need to conciliate a fractious Herut was at

## The Friday Dry Bones



play in the agonizing negotiations over Shas' membership in the cabinet, and has also made itself felt in the starts and stops that mark the government's economic performance.

Inherent in that logic is another political formula. The Likud will demand its share of credit for any government success, but it will blame failure, and especially failure to keep the government intact, entirely upon Labour. Here, too, the Shas episode was a harbinger of things to come.

APART FROM the specific issues

that can be expected to be put through the wringer of this logic in the coming year, there is a more general danger.

If, in the event, conciliation is procured at the price of national immobility; if behind Mr. Peres' brave rhetoric about new directions there remain only the old directions secured under the Likud, they will emerge with even greater strength when Labour passes the baton to the Likud. And it does not much matter whether that is in 20 months or in 40.

For the covenant established by Mr. Begin between right-wing secular nationalism and militant religious

Orthodoxy drives the nation to intolerance within and reality without. The Arab threat or the threat of Arabs becomes the toll of this unholy alliance just as the Jewish threat or the threat of Jews was always the toll of right-wing secular and religious political movements in the history of the West.

If Mr. Peres' leadership, because confounded by the absolutism of Herut, does not succeed in diluting and disarming this alliance with real achievements, if his style and rhetoric serve only to conceal its continued growth, then they will have been less than a last hurrah.

## READERS' LETTERS

### FACTS ABOUT FLUORIDE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - For the past few years the debate on fluoridation of water in Israel has thrived. I always felt that common sense and knowledge of the facts would allow for a rational decision to be made. Ms. Ben-Shaul's article of November 26 brought one view of the question of fluoridation. The strong reaction of the two Drs. Mann in The Jerusalem Post of December 10 was unwarranted. They presented the types of facts that could be eventually persuade the authorities to fluoridate the water without taking all the facts into consideration.

Ms. Ben-Shaul presented the fact of mottling of the teeth. Both the dentist and the doctor should have realized that this indicated fluoride intoxication and not a lack of fluoride. Nevertheless, they only remark that no cancer is caused.

Here are some pertinent facts to be known before fluoridation of drinking water becomes a reality in Israel. 1) In an article entitled "Drinking water standards - an example of guesswork?" in 1973 (Desalination, Vol. 13, pages 217-220), it is documented that the standards, that the dentists so readily quote for how much fluoride should appear in the water, are not based on physiological data, but more on toxicological or economical amounts.

2) The water standards are based on a consumption of three litres of water a day for an adult. 3) In Israel, a very active child or adult will, in summer, consume far more water than three litres; as much as 12-15 litres of liquid are required. 4) Although the percentage of fluoride in the water in Israel falls below the standard, the amounts of water drunk in most areas supply more than an adequate fluoride intake.

5) In the Arava and Eilat, mottling of teeth and skeletal defects were due to fluorosis (Quart. J. Med. vol. 42, pages 793-803, 1973). A large percentage of children were affected, before desalination was instituted. 6) How much fluoride, according to the dentists, should be in the

water for a person with kidney problems or endocrine problems, for children of different ages, pregnant women, sportsmen, etc.? Are the same amounts of fluoride required by all groups?

7) Israelis are beginning to become lethargic due to all the financial and security problems. Adding strychnine or arsenic to the water, to reach the amounts appearing in the water standards, would pep us all up. Will some group recommend that this be done? Fluoride also has its toxic dosage.

8) There are many causes of osteoporosis in the elderly. Fluoride deficiency could be one, but certainly I could name a score more. Teeth and bones also require a balanced diet and adequate vitamins.

I am, in no way, propagating that fluoride is not vitally necessary for teeth and skeletal development. I am proposing, however, that because many countries are halting the addition of any substances to water that do not purify it, a committee should examine all the facts and not rely only on what is required for teeth. Certainly the emphasis on what is considered normal in the United States should not sway us. Their stand that "salt is man's biggest enemy" certainly was not to their credit, since salt is vital for any normal healthy person. Which brings me back to my first point: there is no one standard for an entire population. Fluoride could be administered in many ways, to those who need it, and those who want it. What is required is good education and information in the Tipot Halav, schools and hospitals.

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PRINCE J. TITUS (26) of 11/6/101, Telecom Colony, Deonar, Bombay - 400088, North India, is interested in visiting Israel and would like to correspond with Israelis. He has a private business and his hobbies are sports and correspondence.

### A BIBLE OF MANY READINGS

who maintains that a Torah emerged. As to the claim that the whole people heard the voice of God, we have but one reportorial source that was the case, the biblical writer (writers or writer). Rabbi Carlebach's own words concerning the Documentary Theory apply equally well concerning the Torah's divine origin. "For such a hypothesis not a scrap of external evidence has been found..." Would Rabbi Carlebach require archeologists to unearth a potsherd fragment with the names of the authors of the Bible on it? Besides, hearing the voice of God, whatever its meaning, is not equivalent to receiving a completed library at Sinai, every word of which is the final, immutably faultless word of God.

Jews who accept Documentary Theory - that various ancestors of ours, belonging to several schools of Jewish theological persuasion and parties of political interests composed the Bible at different times - nonetheless take great pride in it and in the Jewish genius, inspired by God if you like, behind it.

Many Jews of this persuasion, rather than apologizing to the Orthodox as Rabbi Carlebach would have them do, find themselves apologizing for the Orthodox who are so readily offended by non-Orthodox theology, and whose thinking is sometimes smug with conviction.

Polydox Judaism - Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, etc. - does not offer final answers as to what constitutes Revelation or its precise content. But for more thoughtful non-Orthodox Jews evidence shows, as Spinoza and Ezra and others have understood, that the Bible is a composite work, a collection of sources and documents of various periods and times.

The work of the Bible is ours, written by our forefathers (and not our forefathers, to our sorrow), necessitating reinterpretation by each generation but requiring no apologies at all for those very multivarious interpretations it generates. They are essential to its greatness. (Rabbi) REEVE BKENNER  
Netanya.

### POOR SALESMANSHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - As a new immigrant of three years' standing and a former sales director for a multi-national motor company in South Africa, I am astounded at the unprofessional attitude of management and sales staff in Israel. The lackadaisical approach to customers, the "take it or leave it" attitude, are unbelievable, but never seem to provoke complaints from Israeli clients.

I realize that Israel is unique in that demand has always been greater than supply, but surely this cannot last forever and it is time to train sales people and middle management.

Israel employers seem to feel that a pretty face with no experience is all

that is needed to get signed orders. On arrival in Israel, I applied for many posts as sales manager, but interviewers invariably felt that I was "over-qualified," whatever that meant. So now I am working as a salesman and am appalled at my co-workers who lack product knowledge and have no idea of salesmanship, while management condones all this as they themselves are unqualified for the positions they hold.

If South Africa is a developing country, then I am afraid that Israel is in the stone age in the areas of merchandising and marketing.

Ramat Gan. Y. JACOBI

## POSTSCRIPTS

**THE WORLD** Zionist Organization is promoting goodwill these days among Sikhs and Hindus. Moslems, Jews and Christians. It was recently patron of a delegation that visited Israel which included six Pakistanis, two Indians from the hostile Sikh and Hindu communities, three Christians and five Jews, as well as one person from the West Indies. The group was organized by the WZO's external relations department, with the initiative coming from the Jewish Council for Social Responsibility in England. The delegation toured the various religious and holy sites and were the guests of Jews who immigrated from India. J.S.I.

**IN AUGUST** our London correspondent filed a report on an interview in The Times in which retired Jewish Agency auditor David Rubovitz revealed that he was a Lehi "mole" in the Mandate administration from 1945 to 1948. Now a letter has come to our attention from a former Mandate official named Hugh Hamersley, of Hartley Whitney, Hampshire, who says he worked three offices away from Rubovitz in the King David Hotel annex. Hamersley rejects Rubovitz's claim of espionage, insisting that nothing of a classified matter was in their purview, but nevertheless wishes him "Shalom." E.S.

**THE ENTIRE** staff of the Israel consulate in New York recently fasted one day - and it wasn't Yom Kippur. According to a Hebrew weekly in New York, Consul-General Naftali Lavie asked his staff to fast after the day had been designated a fast day by Jewish activists in the struggle for Soviet Jewish Aliya. According to the report, every member of the staff - Israelis and local Jews - refrained from food and drink. J.S.I.

**FORMER ENTER-TAINER** Uri Zohar - now a rabbi - recently appeared in New York's Carnegie Hall, but it wasn't in a return to show business. He appeared in an auditorium of Carnegie Hall with Mordechai (Pupik) Arnon, another former entertainer-turned-rabbi, and Zvi Inbal, another penitent Jew who was once a leader of the League Against Religious Coercion. The topic was Judaism and the return to one's roots, as well as the danger of cults. The appearance, which included questions from the audience, was sponsored by an organization called TOV (Time Out for Values). J.S.I.

**OVERHEARD** recently in Jerusalem, two local ladies revealed much about the state of our beleaguered currency: "It cost me about £20 in London." "How much is that in Israeli money?" "Oh, about \$30." S.O.

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